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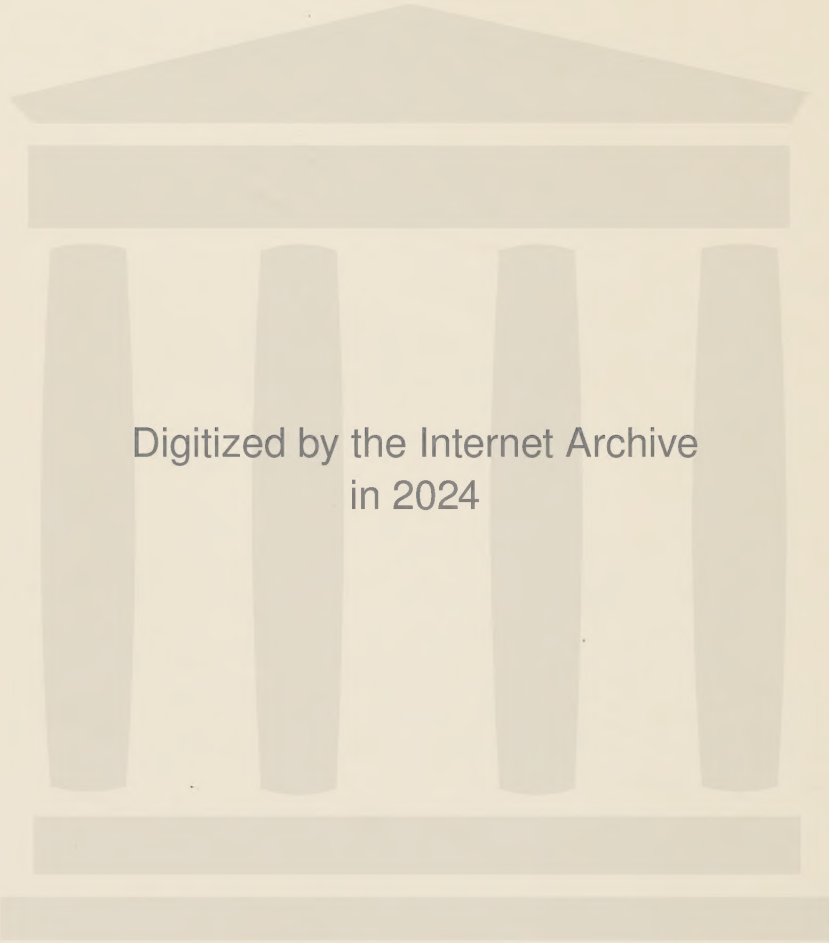
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Dedicated to my late mother, to my father,  
Frances my wife and Robert

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takes this opportunity to congratulate Jim Leishman and the club on their magnificent achievements in the first two years of the club's second century and wishes the Leishman Lions continued success in the years to come.





### Foreword by Alex Ferguson, O.B.E., Manager, Manchester United F.C. plc

Firstly let me congratulate Dunfermline Athletic on a marvellous achievement. I am sure I speak on behalf of all ex-Pars when I say that the resurgence of the old Club has got us all excited, but I don't believe it is a sudden rise or a flash-in-the-pan. Like every good house built the foundations have to be solid and that is exactly what has impressed me about the present Dunfermline Athletic team.

A few years ago I took an Aberdeen side to play in the Centenary game not long after Jim Leishman had taken over. It was remarkable the change in the stadium with smart advertising boards ringing the trackside perimeter and all freshly painted. I couldn't help thinking that the team would respond to the ambition shown by Directors and Management and sure as goodness they gave us a real battle, and finally beat us 1-0. It was obvious with that kind of attitude then they were certainly going into the next few years on the right note. They have gone from strength to strength since then and have now joined the elite of Scottish football in the Premier Division. This instantly brings back some wonderful memories of the great days of the 60's.

Two games in my time there, which capture the excitement of East End Park in those days, spring readily to mind and unfortunately we lost them both. The first was against Celtic and we led them throughout the game. In fact with ten minutes to go the score stood at 4-2 to the Pars only for Celtic to score three goals in the last ten minutes. This only served to remind us of the great fighting spirit of that great club under the one and only Jock Stein. I know he would have been pleased today at the Pars' success. The other game was even more sensational and it was against Hibs the same season (1966-67). We were down 5-2 with fourteen minutes to go and pegged it back to 5-5 with three minutes to go. In the last minute the Hibs centrehalf kicked off his goal-line and from that clearance Jim Scott of Hibs raced through chased by that great full-back, the late John Lunn, as our young goalkeeper David Anderson came out to challenge Scott's shot. Anderson only managed to block the ball against John Lunn and into the net. What a tragedy!

Great moments, great days and now that the Pars are back in the top league who's to say what can be achieved. The ambition shown, and with tradition behind them, anything is possible and if the old Club were to bring back European football what a prospect that would be. I always remember on those special nights walking down the steps on to the park and on either side, in the small enclosures, it was always full of players from other clubs. Hearts, Hibs, Dundee and Rangers were always represented. They were marvellous nights and I wish the players and staff at East End every success in their quest.

I am sure you will enjoy this book, full of all the triumphs and tribulations in their climb back to the top. It must be great for the present Dunfermline supporters to think back to all the great moments and relate them with their heroes just as I have done with my own special memories of the 60's.



### Message from the Chairman

I must start by saying how delighted I am, not only as Chairman but also as a life-long supporter of Dunfermline Athletic FC, that promotion has been won to the Premier League so soon after our Second Division Championship success.

My thanks go out to everybody connected with the club – supporters, manager, players, coaching staff, ground staff, fund-raising organisations, backroom staff and fellow directors – who have all played their part in helping the Pars to achieve the success of recent times.

I would add, however, that now we are in the top division of Scottish football the real hard work will now begin if we are to maintain our position among the top teams in the country. While the manager has already started to bring in new faces I realise it must be particularly difficult for some of the players who have contributed so much to the club's success to accept that they must compete for first team places; but I sincerely hope that they will continue to contribute to the future success by competing for Dunfermline as part of what will be a larger player-pool.

We have long had an excellent stadium at East End Park but that too must now be brought up to top league standards in order to meet current legislative requirements. This too will be done to give the loyal supporters of this club the facilities they deserve. Any lack of success in the future either in team performance or in improvements off the park will not be due to lack of effort by anyone at East End Park!

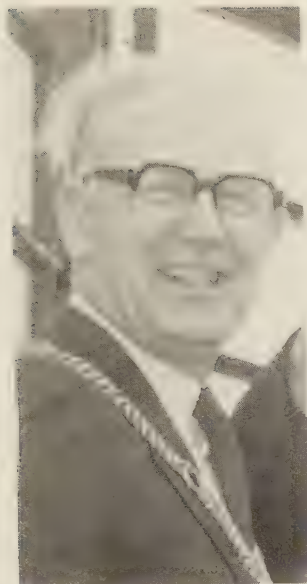
With the 1986/87 campaign over the close season will be of short duration. There is much work to be done but nothing will stop us trying to build on what has been achieved in the last three years.

I would add that if I have only one regret it is that Mr Jock Stein is not around to see our proud club's improved position. I am sure he would have been pleased.

In conclusion, it is hoped that the people who matter most, the supporters of Dunfermline Athletic, will have further cause to celebrate in future seasons. That is our aim and our ambition. We will be trying to add another chapter to the Roaring Success Story!

WILLIAM RENNIE, CHAIRMAN





### **Message from Provost Robert W. Mill, JP**

I consider myself fortunate to be Provost at an exciting time in the development of the town - with its new shopping centre and the increasing amount of investment now taking place - giving the town a more modern image.

At the same time, contributing to the town's higher profile has been the success of Dunfermline Athletic during the past two years, engendering a sense of excitement, that has pervaded workshop, office, factory and school - a feeling that the Pars are once more a team to be reckoned with, and this is borne out by the increased support, both home and away.

And if life should be more difficult in the Premier League - the continued support of the people of Dunfermline and district and a forward looking management will ensure that Dunfermline's name will be carried with pride and further honour the town.

## Introduction by Robert Fraser

The jubilant scenes as thousands of Dunfermline supporters poured on to East End Park at 4.40 pm on Saturday, April 25, 1987, were probably the greatest scenes of celebration the ground has ever witnessed. The black and white bedecked fans had much more to celebrate than just the win over Queen of the South. It was what that win signified that was the cause for celebration which saw the final whistle drowned out by an ever-increasing crescendo of noise. This was nothing short of a magical moment in the history of the club!

They had qualified to play in the Scottish Premier League, the first Fife club to achieve this status. As a result they would be entertaining the top clubs and their players with the household names for the first time since season 1974-75 when league reconstruction consigned the Pars to the middle division.

If I ever needed confirmation that writing this book was worthwhile then that moment provided the vital spur!

When researching a history of Dunfermline Athletic Football Club it is easy to concentrate on the glory days of the 1960's. After all, those were the years of Jock Stein, two Scottish Cup wins and European action before either Celtic or Liverpool had qualified for a Channel crossing!

But the club's ups and downs since those halcyon years do much to belie the proud contribution Dunfermline Athletic have made to British football during their history, a history which can be traced back to exactly 8 p.m. on the night of June 2, 1885.

Although this book is primarily a tale of two seasons when promotion dreams once more became a reality for the East End Park faithful, this is perhaps an opportune time to mention the more important moments of the first 100 years.

Dunfermline Athletic, in owing their existence to the game of cricket, are in the company of such fine clubs as Aston Villa and AC Milan. Keeping fit during the winter months had provided the lads of Dunfermline Cricket Club with the excuse to form a footballing section in 1874, playing their matches under the name of the Dunfermline Club at Ladysmill, now McKane Park, on the southern outskirts of the town.

A dispute arose, however, when at an annual general meeting held in the Imperial Hotel (a temperance establishment in Dunfermline's Maygate, now an open site opposite the Old Inn) the cricket club insisted that all players should be affiliated to themselves. After an initial meeting on May 26 to sound out opinions sixty footballers gathered on June 2, 1885, in the back room of the Old Inn to draw up rules for a separate club – and at 8 p.m. Dunfermline Athletic Football Club was formed.

The Athletic's first match was played on June 13, 1885, at East End Park (slightly to the west of its present site) with the Dunfermline men beating an Edinburgh University side by two goals to one. The cricket club continued to field their own side for several years after the split but the Athletic team sealed their revenge in 1887 when they recorded their largest-ever competitive victory with a 15-1 win over their former colleagues in an Edinburgh Shield meeting.

In those early amateur days the club colours were maroon jerseys with blue shorts, changing to black and red hooped jerseys in 1886. The famous black and white stripes still favoured today, were not introduced until 1912.

While researching this book one of the questions which continually arose was how the Athletic were given their 'Pars' nickname. Many people believe it came from the parallel stripes in the famous black and white jerseys but I personally have come to share the beliefs of my friends Douglas Scott and journalist Les Peters who have contributed greatly to the production of this book. While writing his own *Black and White Magic*, the story of the club's halcyon days of the sixties, Douglas interviewed a fan who was in his 90's. He told Douglas that when Rosyth Dockyard was being constructed at the turn of the century skilled labour was brought up from the south coast of England because of their experience gained during the building of the navy base at Plymouth. These travelling football fans, many of whom settled in west Fife, formed the Plymouth Argyle (Rosyth) Supporters club. In order to satisfy their desire for good football these supporters became a regular sight on the East End Park terracings where their PARS banners became associated with the Fife club. The puzzle surrounding the nickname might never be solved but this story is, as both Douglas and Les suggest, the sort that would be too difficult to concoct and is therefore that bit more likely to be true!





*Dunfermline Athletic FC – Second Division Champions 1925–6: Top Row (l to r) – T. Burns, R. Wyllie, E. Muller, G. Turner. Middle Row (l to r) E. Downie (trainer), Bain, Mitchell, Herd, Gibb, Wilson, Clark, Masterton; Front Row (l to r) Paterson (manager), Ritchie, Sutton, Skinner, Dickson, Stein, J. Fraser, J. Farrell (linesman)*  
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In 1888 the Athletic won the Fife Cup but that same year they were suspended from the Fife Football Association because of their rivalry with the cricket side and they played at junior level for some time before turning professional, a move agreed by just one vote among 300 supporters and players packed into the Co-op Hall in the town's Randolph Street on Monday, July 24, 1899.

In 1909 the Scottish Central League was formed and Dunfermline won the Championship and the Fife Cup in the 1910–11 season. The following year saw them lift the Qualifying Cup beating Dumbarton 1–0 in the final at the Gymnasium Ground in Edinburgh. That same season the Central League Championship and the Lottus Cup came to East End.

In 1919 the Athletic severed their connections with the Scottish League and became instigators of the breakaway Central League which proved both successful and popular with the fans and players alike. It was during this period that Dunfermline signed the legendary centre forward Andy Wilson from Middlesbrough who scored four goals in his debut against Arbroath. For 40 years he held the distinction of being the only Pars player to win international honours until Willie Cunningham played for Northern Ireland against Wales in 1961.

Such was the success of the Central League that the Scottish League decided to form a Second Division which started the promotion-relegation situation which continues today. This attracted the rebel teams back into the fold with Dunfermline winning the Second Division title in 1926 before becoming something of a yo-yo side between the two divisions until they hit the high notes under Jock Stein in the sixties.

In the 1949–50 season, however, they reached the final of the Scottish League Cup only to be beaten 3–0 by East Fife who remain the only team to win this competition while in the Second Division. In 1959 the Pars were back in the headlines when a 10–1 win over Partick Thistle kept them in the First Division for the coming year. Harry Melrose, later to become team boss in the 1970's, scored six that day.

The glory days of the 1960's saw Dunfermline lift the Scottish Cup in 1961 and 1968 against Celtic and Hearts respectively and take on the might of Europe in the shape of Ujpesti Dozsa, Everton, Valencia, Atletico Bilbao, Olympiakos, West Bromwich Albion and Bordeaux.

The Pars undoubtedly suffered a great loss when the late Jock Stein left for pastures new in 1964 but today his legend lives on. There is no great need to talk of his successes elsewhere. Suffice it to say he was perhaps the finest football brain this country has ever known.

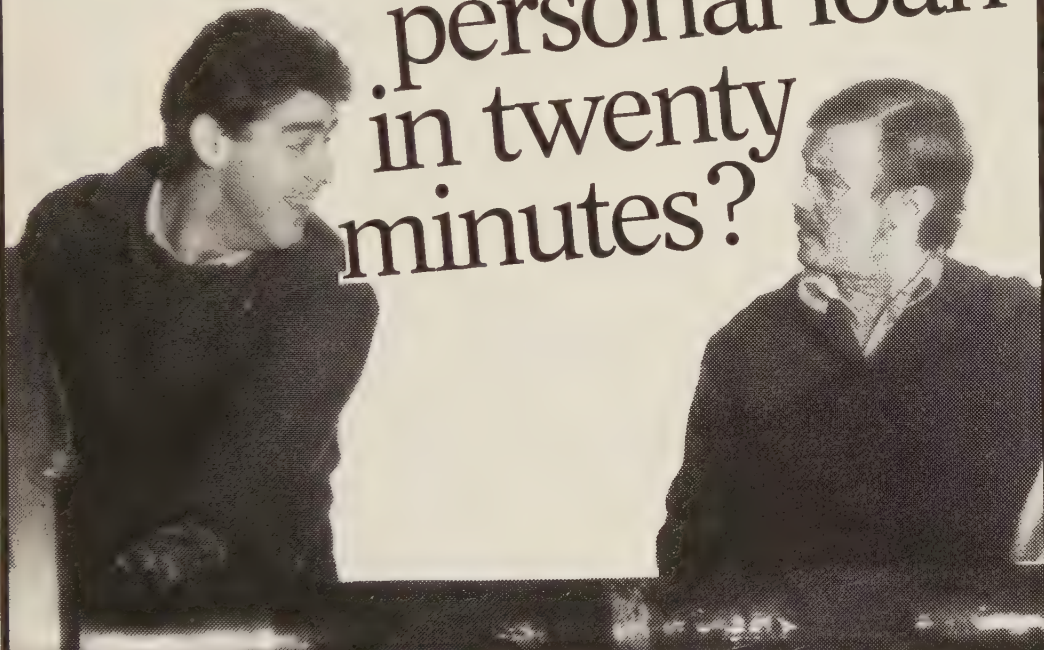
After the successes of the sixties a string of managers sat in the East End Park hotseat as Dunfermline slipped somewhat sadly back into the role of a yo-yo side between the divisions. However, Jim Leishman's arrival at the helm in 1983 added an exciting new dimension to football at East End and elsewhere. The question on the lips of everyone following the fortunes of Dunfermline Athletic FC during the league campaigns of seasons 1985–86 and 1986–87 was 'Will they or won't they?' For once they were not referring to the possibility of the Pars winning any particular match, avoiding relegation or indeed winning promotion; they were questioning whether their team could achieve League Championship-winning status in these two consecutive seasons – the first two years of the Club's second century!

This is the story of these two memorable campaigns and the events leading up to them.

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DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC FC 1983-4

Back (l to r): Gavin Tait, Kevin Hepburn, Norrie McCathue, Hugh Whyte, Jim Moffat, John Perry, Stuart Morrison, Stephen Morrison;

Middle: Philip Yeates (physio), Robert Dall, Graeme Black, Jim Bowie, Grant Jenkins, Paul Crawford, Paul Donnelly, Joe Smith, Robert Forrest, Joe Nelson (trainer);

Front: Jim Letishman (coach), Robert Stewart, Jim Smith, Derek Rodier, Tom Forsyth (manager), David Wilcox, Trevor Smith, Alan Strachan, Cammie Murray

(coach)

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## The Foundations are Laid

On Monday, 31 October 1983, James Leishman Esq. was appointed as part-time manager of Dunfermline Athletic Football Club. 'Leish' had been operating as reserve team coach under the previous incumbent Tom Forsyth and had taken over as interim boss when the former Rangers and Scotland star had resigned some two weeks earlier. Big Jim thus became the fourth person in three years to fill the hot seat at East End Park.

While in his caretaking period Leishman signed two players at opposite ends of their careers – the experienced Alan Forsyth from Raith Rovers and teenager Ian Heddle joining his first senior club after drawing considerable attention with Dunfermline Railway Club. During the first few months of Leish's official reign, however, success was about as difficult to find as a camel in Kelty and this was shown by the attendances which were consistently dropping into three figures. But while there was only one victory before the turn of the year the new manager made no secret of his desire to see a return of the glory felt during the halcyon days of the sixties at East End Park. And in spite of the lack of success a new wave of enthusiasm was making its presence felt as the proud club began to come alive once more.

Changes in personnel were taking place with the youngsters now being looked after by Bill Baxter who had previously made a name for himself at Ipswich. Two players had moved on (Derek Rodier to Berwick Rangers and goalkeeper Jim Moffat to Forfar Athletic).

A new forward by the name of John Watson was signed from Hong Kong Rangers for a fee of £300. Nobody could have imagined at that time what an asset he would be to the club in the future.

With dreams of promotion already shattered for another season the Pars hopes lay with the Scottish Cup and although their run was short-lived it did give the fans some much-needed excitement. Having received a bye in the first round Dunfermline faced Forfar Athletic at East End Park with the prize of a third round match at Ibrox up for grabs. Forfar were to go on to win the Second Division Championship that season but a goal from Rab Stewart won the game for the Pars in what turned out to be an evenly contested match.

The cup-tie against Rangers was played on Saturday, 28 January 1984, and in front of an 18,000 crowd in Glasgow the Athletic came within nine minutes of knocking the home team out of the competition. However, even a replay eluded the Fifers with Colin McAdam and Ally McCoist scoring for Jock Wallace's team in those final minutes to counter an earlier Rab Stewart goal. Dunfermline's only consolation was a five-figure cheque.

(Steve Morrison was named 'Mr Superfit' by the sponsors, the Scottish Health Education Group.)

Back in the league the remainder of the season's fixtures were played out in somewhat depressing circumstances with indifferent and inconsistent form prevailing in spite of the appointment of Gregor Abel as coach on 15 February, 1984. Gregor had been associated with Falkirk, Clydebank and Alloa Athletic before coming to East End Park and had tasted promotion champagne with each of them. Unfortunately, as far as this season was concerned, he would have to wait before tasting it again!

So season 1983-4 turned out to be the worst in the history of the club since season 1952-3. Only five teams were below them when they finished in ninth position.



DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC FC 1984-5

Back (l to r): Alan Strachan, Allan Forsyth, Dave Wilcox, Grant Jenkins, Rowan Hamilton, Paul Donnelly;

Middle: Peter Pryde, Graeme Black, Steve Morrison, Robin McGregor, Paul Rodgers, Tony O'Hara, Jim Bowie;

Front: George Abul (coach), Trevor Smith, John Watt, Hugh Whyte, Jim Heddlie, Bobby Egerton, Jim Leishman (manager)

Photo: Courier & Advertiser



## 1984-5

Preparation for the new season went on throughout the summer with Rowan Hamilton (Dundee), Paul Rodgers (Hong Kong Rangers) and Dave Young (Arbroath) all putting pens to paper. Rab Stewart was sold to Motherwell for just over £10,000.

An added incentive for doing well this season came with its leading up to the club's Centenary Year. The fans were slow to respond, however, with only 972 coming through the turnstiles for the opening league fixture against Stranraer in spite of the new signings making their home debuts. The poor attendance did not affect the team, however, who ran out 5-0 winners (no fewer than four from John Watson) against a side which fancied their chances for promotion. Watson's four goals equalled the individual scoring record for a Second Division match since league reconstruction in 1975.

An emphatic win by four goals to nil against Arbroath in the first round of the Skol Cup earned Dunfermline a home tie against Celtic and on Wednesday, 22 August 1984 East End Park reverberated to sounds reminiscent of the 'Good Old Days' as the Pars took the lead. Counters from McClair and McNally saw the visitors take over but a second goal from Watson made extra time look a certainty before McClair scored a late winner for Celtic.

With interest over in the Cup the League campaign was once more all-important and even the most optimistic supporter could not have anticipated the team's six wins out of six. Stranraer, Stirling Albion and Cowdenbeath were the East End victims with Raith Rovers, Montrose and Berwick Rangers all overcome away from home.

Jim Leishman wrote in his excellent programme column: 'I honestly cannot remember the club having had a better start to any season in my long years connected with Dunfermline Athletic both as player and backroom boy.'

On Saturday, 22 September 1984, the team and its ever-increasing band of travelling supporters made the short trip over the Kincardine Bridge to meet Stenhousemuir at Ochilview. But hopes of making it seven-in-a-row were to be dashed. The game was punctuated with controversial decisions from referee Louis Thow from Ayr and with Dunfermline down to ten men (Steve Morrison was sent off for retaliation) the deciding goal was scored by the home team with just three minutes left on the clock. As the players and officials left the field at the end of the game the referee was jostled and barracked in scenes completely foreign to anything associated with Dunfermline Athletic or their supporters in modern times.

John Watson received Scottish Brewers' first-ever 'Personality Player of the Month' award (£250 cheque) at the end of September in recognition of his feat of scoring eight goals in five games during the month.

The Pars seemed to have recovered from the Ochilview episode when they took ten points (four wins and two draws) from their next six matches. The second of the drawn games came against Alloa at East End Park when a crowd of 4,404 – the second highest in Scotland that day – saw Watson score a late equaliser against the Wasps who were chasing Dunfermline from second position in the table. There followed a somewhat erratic period with a series of mixed results including a surprise 2-0 defeat by East Stirlingshire at Firs Park, Falkirk. This game, played in torrential rain, was the 'Shire's first home win since February 1984. In fact it was the home team's first league win of the 1984-5 season. It was also Dunfermline's 13th league game of that league campaign! Stenhousemuir also caused an upset by taking a point at East End on the last Saturday of November with a late goal to counter the opener from the Athletic's latest signing, Ian Gordon from Airdrie. Ian had signed for Dunfermline on 19 October 1984 for a nominal fee.

If the dream start was now becoming a distant memory the fortunes of the team took on nightmare proportions at the end of 1984 and the beginning of the new year with home defeats at the hands of Arbroath and Raith Rovers combined with an early exit from the Scottish Cup, East Stirling winning by 3-1 in the first round tie at East End. For the first time since season 1952-3 the Pars had not progressed beyond the first round.

By the time February came around the Athletic were in third spot, trailing leaders Alloa by 9 points in spite of the presence of two experienced signings in the shape of Frank Liddell (Brisbane City, Australia) and Derek O'Connor (Hearts).

Off the field Jim Leishman was now working full-time with the Pars having also taken up the post of Commercial Manager in addition to his part-time team-boss duties.

By the end of March players were coming and going from East End Park at regular intervals. Liddell, McGlashan, Perry and O'Connor all left with Davie Moyes



*Jim Leishman knows where he is going*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

(Meadowbank), Ian Westwater (Hearts) and Ian Campbell (Brechin) all arriving. For the remainder of the season the Pars kept getting themselves into a challenging position only to slip when it most mattered. This was particularly true in the case of their home fixtures with points being dropped all too often. A missed penalty in the penultimate fixture at Alloa was to prove particularly costly, however, when the Wasps edged home in the race for second place in the last game, just one solitary point ahead of the Athletic.

The Pars' own last game of the season was at home against Berwick Rangers; it will always stand out in the minds of those present for the remarkable scenes during the last few minutes and at the end of the match!

With seven minutes remaining Trevor Smith had just restored Dunfermline's lead from the penalty spot – his second goal of the match – when a rumour, allegedly based on a radio report, that Alloa were only drawing their match at Arbroath spread round the terracings like wildfire. Amidst scenes of incredible jubilation the two teams waited for the final whistle. When it finally came the park was invaded by hundreds of supporters while the team took a bow.

However, the joy quickly turned to sadness when Leish, choking back tears, informed the fans that Alloa had in fact won their game. Jim was later quoted as saying: 'It was like winning the pools only to find the coupon had not been posted.'

The situation was perhaps put into perspective, however, as news filtered through of an horrific fire at the home of Bradford City which claimed the lives of fifty-six fellow fans when the blaze swept through their main stand!

The battle for promotion had been lost but there was still much to admire. The club had at least restored some pride in their activities and the crowds had started to flock back in great numbers. Dunfermline were the 12th-best supported team in Scotland according to statistics released by the Scottish League and everyone connected with the Pars looked forward to the next season with the team boasting a more positive look and determined attitude.

The foundations had indeed been laid for better times!



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DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC FC 1985-6

Back (l to r): Alan Strachan, Robert Forrest, Grant Jenkins, Jim Bowie, Ian Campbell, Willie McGinlay, David Houston, Robert Foggo, Billy Lobban;  
 Middle: Joe Nelson (trainer), Ian Gordon, Trevor Smith, Hugh Whyte, Ian Westwater, Robin McGregor, Roddy Grant, David Young, John Jobson (second team coach)  
 Front: Norrie McCathie, Rowan Hamilton, Peter Pryde, Jim Leishman (manager), Andy Irvine, Ian Heddlie, John Watson

Photo: Courier & Advertiser



## Season 1985/86 — Scottish Second Division

On 2 May, just prior to the end of the 1984-5 season, Mr Jock Stein had paid a nostalgic return visit to Dunfermline to entertain an audience in the town's Carnegie Hall. 'An audience with Jock Stein' had been arranged jointly by the local sports council, Dunfermline District Council and the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust as part of the latter's programme of events to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Carnegie, the town's most famous son. Author and broadcaster Bob Crampsey chaired the evening which featured many old films of the Athletic's glory games in the 1960s and gave the capacity crowd the opportunity to ask the 'Big Man' questions. Mr Stein, who had done so much for Dunfermline Athletic F.C. and who continued to take more than a passing interest in what went on at East End Park in spite of being involved with other clubs and the Scottish national team, had time for everyone's questions and requests for autographs. As the evening drew to a close he wished the Pars the best of luck in their bid to win promotion the following Saturday. Sadly his honest hopes were not to come to fruition.

That visit was not to be Mr Stein's last to the town in 1985 as he went on to take an active interest in the club's Centenary celebrations that year.

The Camilla Hotel, Auchtertool, was the venue for the inaugural award ceremony for the Dunfermline Athletic Supporters' Club 'Player of the Year'. The trophy donated by fan Mrs Marvyn Stewart was won by Bobby Robertson with centre-half Davie Young a close runner-up.

During the summer Jim Leishman took time off from making his preparations for the coming season to help with a coaching project being run by the District Sports Council, Dunfermline District Council and the Primary Schools Football Association.

On 2 June 1985, more than a dozen enthusiastic fans met in the town's Old Inn to mark the anniversary of the formation of the club. It was in that public house in the Kirkgate that the historic inaugural meeting of the Athletic had been held exactly 100 years ago. The evening was the idea of ardent Pars fan Russell Shepherd.

Also in June manager Leishman and many of the Dunfermline players ran in the town's C. R. Smith Dunfermline Half Marathon raising funds for the Fife and Lothian Blind Association in the process. This was just another example of the efforts being made by the club to get the Pars more involved with the local community and to make the public more aware of their own ambitions. Another example came on 11 August, 1985, when Jim attended a Youth Aid concert in the town's Pittencrieff Park in aid of the Ethiopian famine relief appeal fund. As final proof that he would give the club 'the shirt off his back' Jim auctioned the clothes he was wearing. He was left standing before a 300-strong audience wearing just a pair of shorts!

Training for the 1985-6 season started in earnest on Tuesday, 16 July, 1985, with Leish quoted as saying: 'It is up to the players to show me that they are wanting a game; I'm not fussy who is supposed to be the best player - it is the player who will do the business for the Pars that I want.'

The pool of players available to him had been strengthened and enlarged with the signing of Dave Houston on a free from Alloa and Willie McGinlay from Preston Athletic; called up



were Roddie Grant, Willie Callaghan and Peter Pryde from Dunfermline Railway Club.

On Tuesday, 30 July, a friendly was played against First Division Brechin City in the unlikely setting of a public park in the Angus town. The Pars were in front three times but were pulled back on each occasion for the game to finish at 3-3. Heddle, Young and Smith scored for Dunfermline.

The following evening a 'Centenary Night Out' was held in Dunfermline's popular Night Magic Discotheque; it involved players, manager, cabaret and guest speakers but most importantly the fans. Those present heard of plans to launch a Centenary Club to raise money for their team. Former Bolton and England star Nat Lofthouse, the special guest at the launch, explained how a similar scheme at his former club had brought Bolton Wanderers back from the brink of financial ruin. Jim Leishman commented: 'It will help us bring back the standards we have been used to.' More than 200 fans joined within the first two weeks of the launch and support continued to grow for the Club.

On 1 August a second warm-up match was played against Falkirk, another First Division club who were to finish as runners-up in the promotion race for the Premier League that season, with the game ending at 0-0.

As the preparations for the new season almost reached their conclusion club chairman Mr Jimmy Watters had to comment on speculation that the board lacked ambition and did not wish promotion. He said: 'I would say that it is the aim of everyone at East End Park to win promotion and ultimately to reach the Premier League.'

Almost as if to prove Mr Watters' belief that the team could do well at Premier level the team to which he has dedicated so much were playing host to none-other than Aberdeen in the Athletic's Centenary Match at East End Park on 7 August. This game was to prove the chairman's point and was a great attraction for the loyal Athletic fans who had been so long starved of top grade football. Sponsored by John Goldie Financial Consultancy Service the game attracted a crowd of more than 5000.



*Presentation to Mrs Rita Henderson (tea lady at East End). Rita was the longest serving member of staff. Pictured with her are (l to r) Jimmy Watters (Chairman), Jimmy Toner (Oldest ex-player), Jimmy McConville (Hon. Secretary), Alex Ferguson and Jock Stein*

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*Jim Leishman with the Centenary sponsor, John P. Goldie, display the various trophies awarded after the game*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*





# DUNFERMLINE ATHLETIC F.C.



*Centenary Match*

VISITORS

**ABERDEEN F.C.**

**WEDNESDAY, 7th AUGUST, 1985**

EAST END PARK — Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMME

70p

Prior to the kick-off some 120 former players and managers gathered on the park to be presented to the fans. The oldest ex-player present was eighty-nine-year-old Jimmy Tonnar who had played for the club in 1912! During the interval former favourites Jim Herriot, George Miller, Alex Smith, Jim Thomson, Jackie Sinclair, Paddy Wilson, Alex Totten, Willie Callaghan, Alex Wright and Alex Edwards joined managers (and, of course ex-players themselves) Alex Ferguson and Jim Leishman in a six-a-side game.

'It really is marvellous to be here again,' commented Alex Ferguson, now manager of Manchester United, 'and to see some of the old atmosphere about the place. My happiest playing days were undoubtedly with this club and I will never forget them.'

The main match proved to be a thrilling encounter with Ian Heddle scoring what proved to be the only goal. There was no hiding the delight on the faces of the Dunfermline players and fans at the final whistle. Match sponsor John Goldie presented the Centenary Challenge Cup to Jim Leishman; Ian Heddle received a trophy for the goal of the match; and Norrie McCathie was presented with the man of the match award. (Stewart McKimmie won the Aberdeen player of the match award.)

'You were robbed,' Alex Ferguson told a jubilant Jim Leishman at a dressing-room get-together after the game. 'You should have scored a barrow-load.'

An excellent start to the new century!

The league season opened with a 3-all draw at Arbroath and in his programme column for the match against Stenhousemuir in the first round of the Skol Cup manager Jim Leishman commented: 'In the changing rooms there is an atmosphere I have never seen at the club before except, perhaps, in the sixties when I came here as a teenage player; there is a determination to win among the lads, not only for themselves but also for the fans who have given such tremendous support through the years.'

There was also a request in the programme that supporters refrain from invading the pitch at the end of every game. 'We'll keep the celebrations until the end of the season!' Did someone have a crystal ball or was it wishful thinking?

The cup-tie against the 'Muir provided some consolation for previous disasters against the men from Ochilview when the Pars cruised home by four goals to nil. Ian Campbell put away three of them to win the sponsor's man of the match award. The game had been postponed from 14 to 19 August because of a water-logged pitch and so for probably the first time in the 100-year history of the club the first match in their official programme had been postponed. So much for summer football.

Two days later the Pars faced Morton at Cappielow in the next round. The Greenock side had been relegated from the Premier League the previous season but Dunfermline gave as good as they got and only went out on penalties (3-4) after extra time. The final score at the end of ninety minutes had been 2-2 with John Watson scoring both for the Athletic. He had signed a new two-year contract prior to the first round tie against Stenhousemuir.

After three league matches the Pars had accumulated only three points by virtue of a draw and a win. Their defeat had come at Hampden against Queen's Park. It was the club's fourth game in eight days, perhaps asking too much of a part-time team, especially one also hit by a sickness bug.

Several changes were taking place in the coaching and scouting team around the time. Andy Young who had been combining looking after the reserve team with a share of the scouting left the club as he felt he could no longer devote the necessary time to the job. Willie Mackie, the club scout in the Falkirk area for seven years, was allowed to go in a money-saving move. John Jobson took over the reserve team duties and Joe Small and Ivan Finlayson were kept on to look after the scouting in Fife and Edinburgh respectively.

A Centenary Dinner was held on 26 August in the Dunblane Hydro Hotel. It was attended by more than 300 supporters, sponsors, friends and associates of the club. Chairman Jimmy Watters opened the proceedings before handing over to master of ceremonies Bob Crampsey. There followed an evening of entertainment from speakers the Rev. Howard J. Haslett of Edinburgh Academy, ex-Par Doug Baillie from the *Sunday Post*, former England and Bolton star Nat Lofthouse who had helped get the Centenary Club off the ground, and former international rugby referee Bob Burrell.

Saturday, 31 August saw Cowdenbeath visit East End Park. The Pars were stunned as their local rivals quickly went two-up but the fighting qualities which were to stand the team in good stead during the season produced a magnificent fight-back and goals from Heddle, Watson and Morrison saw the Athletic through by the odd goal in five. Skipper Bobby Robertson was taken off injured in the game and was to miss the next five matches.

After a goal-less draw at Palmerston against Queen of the South on the first Saturday of September Dunfermline faced fellow Fifers Raith Rovers at East End Park. In a thrilling encounter six goals were shared equally with John Watson's two taking his tally to nine in eight games. Steve Morrison and Grant Jenkins, in dispute with the club over terms, had both signed new short-term contracts with the club prior to the game.

Prior to the game against the men from Starks Park a minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr Jock Stein who had died so tragically at the end of the World Cup qualifying match against Wales on 10 September. Mr Stein had paid what proved to be his last visit to East End Park for the previous month's centenary match against Aberdeen. It was often said that Jock Stein put Dunfermline Athletic on the footballing map but he was always the first to point out that it was also the club which helped make Jock Stein and brought him to national prominence. He always had a special regard for the Pars and his cup success of 1961 remained one of his proudest moments. The Big Man would certainly be missed!

Jim Leishman commented in the programme for the Raith game: 'Mr Stein brought the glory days to the ground and we will be even more determined now to see them return as a





*Four of Dunfermline's longest serving players were guests of honour at a special Cabaret Night in the Paragon Social Club. Harry Melrose (former manager) hands over a quaiich to Hugh Whyte. In the second row (l to r) are Bobby Robertson, Jim Bowie and Paul Donnelly* Photo: Courier & Advertiser

tribute to the great man of Scottish football.' Ex-player and former manager Harry Melrose was quoted as saying: 'He always had a soft spot for the club and seldom missed the chance to pay a visit.'

In recognition of their outstanding service to the club a testimonial match was played at East End Park on 17 September to honour Bobby Robertson, Jim Bowie, Paul Donnelly and Hugh Whyte. Hearts provided the opposition winning 2-0 on the night through goals from John Robertson and Ian Jardine. The game raised around £1200 for the joint testimonial fund.

A Grant Jenkins goal lifted both points in a re-arranged fixture against St Johnstone and on the last Saturday of September Stenhousemuir came back to East End Park to lead at one stage by the odd goal in three. The visitors' cause was not helped by the dismissal of former Pars player Jim Meakin and two late goals saw Dunfermline run out winners.

The Athletic had now gone five games without loss and this run was extended to nine during October with away wins at Stranraer and East Stirling and a 6-0 romp against Albion Rovers at East End. This was to prove the club's biggest win of the season. This run was completed with a draw at home against Meadowbank Thistle, the Pars goal coming from a swerving, dipping free-kick from Steve Morrison, just the type of goal which earned him the nickname 'Zico' from the East End choir. The goal machine was really clicking by now with 14 goals for in these games and only 2 conceded.

Results like these helped pull the Pars up the table and by now they were in second spot just one point behind leaders Queen of the South. It was announced from East End Park that two new scouts had been appointed in the shape of Sandy Brown (Edinburgh area) and Ian Fraser (Fife) and there was also good news on the re-signing front; Steve Morrison and



Grant Jenkins settled their differences with the club and both signed contracts tying them to the Pars until the end of the season.

In a continuing sponsorship deal between the Pars and Taggarts (Dunfermline) Ltd Jim Leishman took delivery of a new Austin Montego 1.6 at the beginning of November.

If the month of October had been good for promotion hopes November was even better with four straight wins. Commented Jim Leishman: 'There is a smashing atmosphere at the club; everyone wants to get to training and they are all desperate to be part of the team; nobody wants to get injured in case it means being left out and not being able to regain their place.'

On 2 November Stirling Albion were overcome at Annfield thanks to a John Watson goal. This was followed by victories over Queen of the South (home) and Raith Rovers (away), both by a 2-1 margin. The victory over Queen of the South took Dunfermline to the top of the league for the first time. The game attracted a crowd of 4,577 and created a piece of footballing history when Jim Bowie had the game stopped while Dunfermline were in a good attacking position so that Queen's left-back Tony Gervaise could receive attention for hypothermia!



*Steve Morrison bends a free kick round the Meadowbank wall and . . .*

It was around this time that the East End faithful adopted a new anthem in the shape of the theme tune from the popular soap opera 'EastEnders'.

The team continued to be on song on the field of play when they met St Johnstone at East End Park on 23 November. The Perth men had strung together some useful results and were currently sitting in third spot. A hard game was anticipated but no one could have predicted just how hard. Saints, scarcely living up to their nickname, had five players booked and one sent off as the Pars displayed skills seldom seen in the Second Division on their way to an emphatic 4-0 win. The Dunfermline manager said later, 'It was a hard game but it wasn't dirty because we kept our discipline and refused to retaliate; that was the highlight for me.'

A few days later it was announced that Alan Forsyth and Andrew Irvine were to be released.

With 42 goals Dunfermline had the best 'goals for' column in British football and they were now seven points clear of the third team in the league. And the gaps on the terracing were rapidly being filled by the public with crowds in excess of 4000 becoming regular sights at East End.

A specially-arranged challenge match was played against Rangers on Tuesday, 26 November. The visitors won 3-0 courtesy of a John MacDonald hat-trick. The Rangers team that night included striker Eric Ferguson who was later to join the Pars.

Crowd size was beginning to show its influence on club finances with the announcement that losses had been halved over the previous year. The Centenary Club now had more than 500 members and was proving to be a great success. And as perhaps the greatest indication of improving finances six bids for Norrie McCathie had been turned down.

The last Saturday of November saw the match away to Stenhousemuir being postponed at literally the last minute. The Pars were actually stripped and warming up on the pitch when the referee declared it unplayable. It was far too late to stop hundreds of fans travelling from Fife, however.

On November 8 the club held its official Centenary Dinner at the Keavil House Hotel in Crossford when almost every club in Scottish football was represented. The Presidents of the Scottish Football Association and the Scottish League, David Will and Ian Gellatly, and their respective secretaries Ernie Walker and Jim Farry all attended. Among others contributing were ex-manager Harry Melrose, Sheriff J. S. Mowatt, Dick Douglas M.P. and Sir George Sharp, then chairman of Glenrothes Development Corporation.



*... past the goalkeeper for Dunfermline's goal in the league match on 12 October 1985 at East End Park*  
*Photos: Dunfermline Press*

On Tuesday, 3 December, Dunfermline played against Hibernian at Easter Road for the Tom Hart Memorial Trophy. Two late goals from John Watson put a better complexion on the score-line but the home side still ran out 5-3 winners. The previous Sunday Dunfermline represented by Ian Westwater, Rowan Hamilton, Ian Heddle, Ian Gordon, Roddie Grant and Willie McGinlay defeated First Division Falkirk in the final of the Leith Round Table 5-a-side tournament to add another trophy to the Centenary Cup won at the start of the season.

More good news came with the revelation that the then unemployed John Watson had turned down the chance of work at Sullom Voe because it would have meant no football. A big sacrifice for anyone to make!

The first week of December saw two more new faces arrive at East End in the shape of twenty-two-year-old defender Gordon Wilson from Newtongrange Star (he had previously seen senior action with Meadowbank) and seventeen-year-old Leslie Thomson from Musselburgh Park. Cup commitments and bad weather restricted the Athletic's league



programme to just two matches that month. A rare strike from Ziggy Bowie lifted both points against Stranraer at East End and at Berwick the Pars came back from being 4-1 down to share the points in a game which saw Grant Jenkins having an early bath after falling foul of referee D. D. Hope of Erskine.

The Pitbauchlie Travel Club named Norrie McCathie as their player of the year for the second consecutive twelve month period; Ian Heddle received the award for the most promising young player with Trevor Smith as runner-up.

The Scottish Cup campaign had begun on 7 December with a first round clash with Raith Rovers at East End. A crowd of 5,558 – better than thirteen of the 18 cup-ties played in England that day – watched the Pars win by two goals. Dunfermline's goals came from Ian Heddle and John Watson.

Talking about the ever-increasing support Jim Leishman said: 'If that doesn't give the players a lift they would be better going away and playing junior.' Club chairman Jimmy Watters said he was the proudest man in Scottish football at the present time!

The victory over Raith earned the Pars a trip to no less a spot than Meadow Park in Castle Douglas to take on the might of Threave Rovers from the Kelvinator League. It was a match that caught the imagination of the Galloway town and the invitation came east to 'come on down'. And how the black and white brigade responded. In what was a rare move for a second round tie it was decided to make the game all-ticket to cope with the number of Fife fans expected to travel. On the day the game was played on a frozen pitch in a blizzard with temperatures not much above freezing but it did not deter hundreds from braving the elements. Two Pars fans, Paul McKay and Andrew Queen, actually cycled to the game although even they travelled home by train! Bobby Forrest arrived from Edinburgh by taxi (the fare cost £70) when his car failed to start and he missed the team bus. Prior to the match Threave full-back Michael Connolly collided with referee Louis Thow while warming up in the blizzard – referee bruised and battered, Connolly minus one tooth! John Watson (4) and Ian Heddle won the tie for Dunfermline watched by their directors sitting in the comfort of the 'stand' – the official coach parked alongside the boundary fence. Quite a day!

The third round paired Dunfermline with Hibs at Easter Road and on the last Sunday in January the Pars Scottish Cup dreams were ended when the Premier side won 2-0 in front of a 15,500 crowd. The Pars were not disgraced, however, and put on an encouraging performance against the full-time opposition.

With the Cup past for another season Dunfermline could now concentrate on winning league points.

While the Scottish Cup efforts were going on Queen of the South had managed to draw level on points with Dunfermline at the top of the league; but between the cup-ties at Castle Douglas and Easter Road two notable milestones were reached in the league campaign. On Saturday, 18 January, East Stirling were defeated 2-1 with Norrie McCathie scoring both for Dunfermline. This victory meant that the club had completed 17 league games without defeat, beating their previous record for the 'new' Second Division. It was not only a club record for the 'new' Second Division but a club record for any league. The previous week Queen's Park had been beaten 3-2 at East End, the last of the Pars goals, scored by that man Watson, being the club's 50th league goal of the season, the first Scottish club to reach that target that year.

At the beginning of 1986 there had been a threatened breakaway by the top nine teams in the country following disagreement over television contracts and league reorganisation. The proposed new league would have consisted of ten sides and Dunfermline were hot favourites to fill the empty space. Chairman Mr Watters said: 'I hope that a solution can be arrived at without the need for a breakaway.' As it turned out the break never took place although several changes to the league set-up did affecting promotion and relegation.

League fixtures continued to be disrupted by the weather during February but not before Dunfermline's long unbeaten run was ended in somewhat dramatic circumstances when Stirling Albion visited East End on 1 February. The men from Annfield appeared to be coasting to an easy win when they found themselves two-up with only ten minutes left on the clock. A fightback by the Fifers saw the scores levelled with goals from Davie Young and Trevor Smith but Leishman's Houdini troops failed when Albion snatched a winner in injury time.





Norrie McCathie heads the opening goal against East Stirling at East End Park in January 1986

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*

Ian Pryde was signed from East Fife and it was hoped that the twenty-one-year-old Inverkeithing-born winger would prove an invaluable asset to the club's promotion efforts.

The only other league fixture played by the Pars during February turned out to be a draw against Raith Rovers at Starks Park. The Rovers had former Dunfermline star Alex Kinninmonth in charge that day following the dismissal of manager Bobby Wilson.

Back at East End two new directors were appointed at the start of the year. In reference to their business and sporting interests Jim Leishman quipped: 'I'm quite happy so long as Roy Woodrow (a soft drinks company managing director) puts some fizz into the team and Blair Morgan (solicitor and ex-Dunfermline rugby player) does not keep asking where the fly-half is.'

On the Tuesday prior to their visit to Kirkcaldy the Pars had made tracks of a different type. They packed into an Edinburgh recording studio to cut a record. The music was the theme tune from the BBC's soap opera 'EastEnders' with words written by new director Blair Morgan and his son Steven. Two days later a party of players, backroom staff, directors and supporters made the journey south to perform live on the BBC's 'Pebble Mill at One' show in Birmingham.

Leslie G. Peters who writes for *The Courier* newspaper was invited to accompany the Dunfermline party throughout this unique event in the club's history and this is how he reported the occasion for his readers of that time.

"The inspiration to make a record of the EastEnders theme came direct from the fans on the terracing at East End Park.

Almost exactly a year ago the popular BBC soap opera made its television debut and the music was instantly adopted as an anthem by the faithful following at the home of Dunfermline Athletic. Recently-appointed director Mr Blair Morgan heard the song and decided to investigate the possibility of committing their version to tape to help mark the club's Centenary.

'The first step was to get the permission of the BBC and the music's composer, Simon May,' explained Mr Morgan, 'Then we needed appropriate lyrics.

I sat down with my son Steven and wrote the words which then had to be approved by all concerned.'

A date was set for the recording and everything was going smoothly when interest in the project suddenly took off and everything had to be speeded up virtually overnight.

'The BBC invited us to take part in their Pebble Mill show which was to feature EastEnders' star Anna Wing but gave us less than a week to have everything ready,' continued Mr Morgan. 'After an initial disappointment when our original choice of studio was unavailable the REL Studio in Edinburgh stepped in at the last minute to help us out.'

On the evening of Tuesday, 11 February the team, aided and abetted by local musicians from bands like 7 West, The Syndicate and White China, travelled through to Edinburgh where Dalgety Bay singer-songwriter Billy Rankin had the unenviable task of knocking them all into musical shape. Perhaps surprisingly it took only a few takes before the tape was perfect.

The studio session was recorded by BBC reporter Alan McKay and his camera crew and was shown the following night on Reporting Scotland. But even as it was being broadcast a party of 32 players, directors and friends were winding their way south to Birmingham to perform the song live on Pebble Mill.

## EAST ENDERS — THE WORDS

1. We're the boys from East End Park  
We've been on the go for One Hundred years, and  
We're the team in black and white  
Football is our game we're getting it right, and

What's our Name  
Our Claim to Fame  
We are the Pars, Dunfermline Athletic.

2. Come along to East End Park,  
Come and watch us win, there's no better reason  
We're the team they call the Pars  
Promotion is our Aim and this is our Season

What's our Name  
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### **SPEAK OVER:**

In 1885 Dunfermline Athletic Football Club were formed. In 1903 Dunfermline Athletic moved to East End Park. In 1912 Dunfermline Athletic played in black and white for the first time and the local newspapers referred to them as The Pars. In 1926 Dunfermline Athletic entered the Scottish First Division. In 1961 and 1968 Dunfermline Athletic won the Scottish Cup.

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Le La La La .....

'Promotion on the field is still our primary concern but promotion off the field is also important,' continued Mr Morgan. 'This was too good an opportunity to miss and guaranteed the Pars nationwide publicity for perhaps the first time in many years. There was very little time to make all the arrangements and up until the moment our Rennies coach left East End Park both manager Jim Leishman and myself were still tying up the final details.'





*A chilly looking group of players, officials and supporters pose beside the Pebble Mill studios*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

After leaving Dunfermline the luxury coach travelled to Edinburgh and Hamilton to pick up players before setting off on the journey south. The light-hearted video films were interrupted at regular intervals by rehearsals of the song to ensure that everything would be perfect the following day.

The 'Team' bus arrived at the St John's Swallow Hotel in Solihull shortly after 11.30 p.m. and after a few light refreshments – and several unscheduled rehearsals which the locals voted a hit – it was off to bed for a comparatively early night.

The equally early rise came as a shock to a few the next morning and after a light breakfast it was off to the famous Pebble Mill studios in the centre of Birmingham. Along the route the late rush hour traffic was treated to yet more rehearsals.

At Pebble Mill the party was met by the show's producer who put everyone at ease. The budding stars were shown into dressing room 13 – a cause for some concern among the more nervous considering it was also February 13th!

But any thoughts of impending disasters were quickly dispelled with the arrival of the Umbro rep with the strips which will become a familiar sight at East End Park from next season. Their first public showing was on the show.

By this time some of the players were getting the wind up but the arrival of presenter Paul Coia soon cleared the air.

'He laughed and joked with us all and very soon all the nerves were forgotten,' explained Jim Leishman. 'Then he happened to mention that we would be singing in front of a viewing audience of some 3.2 million people!'

Then it was time for more rehearsals with slight alterations having to be made to the music provided for the excellent Pebble Mill musicians. After a quick session in the make-up department it was back into the studio for the actual show. The programme was introduced by Paul Coia surrounded by the team; everyone was then ushered off stage while the other stars did their sessions.



'We provided the finale with the song itself,' continued Jim. 'I was amazed just how smoothly everything went and I was very proud of my 'team'.

'Pebble Mill were delighted with the way things worked out and the club made many friends among those involved with us throughout the trip.' After a visit to the hospitality lounge it was back on the bus for the long journey home – but there was no rest for the wicked.

Aston Villa manager Graham Turner had kindly agreed to give the team the use of the club's training facilities just outside Birmingham where he joined Gregor Abel, Jim Leishman and Joe Nelson in a gruelling session. There was even time for a visit by former Pars star Allan Evans – the man described by Jim Leishman as his 'understudy' at Dunfermline.

Back on the bus the weary – and hoarse – party began the journey home finally arriving in Dunfermline shortly before midnight. Behind them were many new fans including EastEnders' star Anna Wing.

'I love the record,' she says, 'and I wish the Pars continued success at their own East End.'



*The Dunfermline party are joined by Anna Wing of EastEnders*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

With the beginning of March came the news that Bobby Wilson who had recently lost the manager's job with Raith Rovers had been appointed as chief scout. He replaced Andy Young who had retired earlier in the season. Bobby would have four scouts working for him and he would also help in other aspects behind the scenes.

While Dunfermline's fixtures were being badly disrupted by the weather their main rivals had been more fortunate and by the time normal service was resumed on 5 March Queen of the South had gone four points clear at the top. But the Palmerston men had played two more games than the Pars; and while third placed Queen's Park were now only two points behind the Athletic they had played five more games than the Fifers due mainly to Hampden Park's undersoil heating.



*Jim Leishman and his players meeting up with Graham Turner, the Aston Villa manager and former Pars star Allan Evans in Birmingham*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

Central Park, Cowdenbeath, was the venue for the 5 March game when, on a wet, windy night, Dunfermline met their local rivals under the lights to try to re-establish their promotion – and Championship – claims. This was Cowden's first home game since 30 November but Dunfermline gave them no chance of restarting with a win when the visitors scored the only goal of the match. Jim Leishman said after the game: 'It was a great result away from home especially when you consider that we had to play in a raging gale; and when you remember that we have not played for a few weeks the result looks even better.' The Pars were back at Central Park again only 10 days later to repeat the performance, this time by two goals to nil.

March meant a lot of overtime for the Dunfermline players. By the time they met Albion Rovers on the last day of the month they had already played seven matches. In addition to the two games at Cowdenbeath the Pars had travelled to Stenhousemuir (1-1) and Meadowbank (2-2), meeting Queen's Park (0-0), Arbroath (0-0) and Stranraer (4-1) at home. The game at Ochilview saw nineteen-year-old Gordon Connelly (signed from Burnley in 1985) make his first-team debut and the point won was the first brought back from Stenhousemuir for quite some time, the previous three visits all ending in defeat. This match saw a 'Muir player sent off and the Meadowbank game too was marked by controversy. Referee Brian McGinlay, in one of his last matches before adverse publicity outside the world of football led to his resignation, chalked off an Ian Campbell 'goal' saying that it had not crossed the line. John Watson sustained an injury to his shoulder during this match and at first it was feared he would be ruled out for the rest of the season; but with the help of club physio Philip Yeates and a lot of strapping he was able to continue.

These results meant that Dunfermline and Queen of the South closely contested the top spot with first one, then the other, taking over pole position as they played off their postponed matches.



Such were the lengths of the delays, however, that the afore-mentioned meeting with Albion Rovers was not played until 31 March (it had been scheduled for 8 February) and even then it had to be played at Broomfield, home of Airdrieonians F.C. This unusual step was taken since the Albion ground, Cliftonhill Stadium in Coatbridge, was the subject of an 850 ground limit imposed by the Scottish League and the Pars travelling support was now regularly in excess of 1000! A programme seller outside Broomfield was heard to ask 'Is there nobody left in Dunfermline tonight?' as he was swamped by Dunfermline fans. The travelling support were not disappointed as their team ran out 3-0 winners against an Albion side unbeaten in their previous seven outings. This result saw the Pars take over top slot by a single point but they still had a game in hand over Queen of the South.

The Pars record of the 'EastEnders' theme was released on 22 March amid amazing scenes as fans fought to buy copies. The disc went on to sell some 4000 copies and was voted a tremendous public relations success by director-writer Blair Morgan.



*Jim Leishman and Joe Nelson surrounded by young fans buying copies of the 'EastEnders' record*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

Five days later twenty-nine-year-old Gary Thomson was signed from Alloa Athletic for a fee of £5000. Described as a midfield dynamo he was equally at home at full back or in attack.

A variation on the sponsorship front saw Dunfermline Athletic sponsor an ice hockey match between Fife Flyers and Dundee Rockets in Kirkcaldy on 29 March.

Only eight games were now left in the run in to the end of what was turning out to be one of the most exciting seasons in the club's history. But the first of this run would be against promotion rivals Queen of the South at Palmerston. Dunfermline took to the field without stalwart Norrie McCathie who was starting a two match suspension and a crowd of 5150, the home team's largest of the season, saw the west coasters run out 3-1 winners.

This was indeed a blow and matters were made worse when the Pars travelled through to Edinburgh to meet Meadowbank the following Tuesday night.



On paper no one had any reason to worry about this fixture since Meadowbank had failed to beat Dunfermline in any of their previous eleven league games. But nothing is certain in the world of football and perhaps the Pars should have realised that this was not to be their day when 'keeper Ian Westwater had to drop out on the morning of the game. With second team goalkeeper Hugh Whyte in Majorca on holiday and no one able to contact third choice Robbie McGregor a frantic search began to find an experienced replacement. Jim Leishman eventually managed to secure the services of Dundee United veteran Hamish McAlpine and all appeared to be right with the world. The euphoria was to be short-lived as Meadowbank attacked with wild abandon forcing Dunfermline back on their heels en route to a 4-0 rout. Two games lost in four days of a season which had only seen three defeats!

To make matters worse Queen of the South travelled through to Kirkcaldy the following night to inflict defeat on Raith Rovers and to open up a three point gap at the top of the Second Division although the Pars did have a game in hand.

A clear-the-air meeting had to be held after training on 10 April to discuss the results of the last two games and it was hoped that the team could immediately get back on the rails. Behind the scenes midfielder Steve Morrison had announced that he was going to Australia to take part in their football season but while far from happy with this news Leishman said the club would bear no grudges when the player returned for the following year's campaign.

Winning ways did return on 12 April when Dunfermline beat Albion Rovers (4-0) for the third time in the season. In these three meetings Dunfermline had scored no fewer than 13 times without reply from the team managed by former Lisbon Lion Tommy Gemmell. John Watson's second goal in this game was his 50th for Dunfermline in league and cup competitions. John was only the second Pars player to reach this milestone in ten years, the other being ex-striker Sandy McNaughton.

But with Q.O.S. beating East Stirling the position at the top remained unchanged with only three weeks of the season remaining. Barking at the heels of the top two teams were still others just waiting for a slip-up and the chance to improve their own positions in the race for promotion.

Wednesday, 16 April, saw Dunfermline take on St Johnstone under the lights at East End Park in a match which would bring the Pars level with Q.O.S. on games played. The Athletic won convincingly by four goals to nil in a repeat of the scoreline when the two teams had met earlier in the season; but this time there was no rough-house. When John Watson scored the third goal of the night it took his total for the season to 30; as the first player in Scotland to reach this target he won the *Daily Record* Golden Shot Award and with it a special trophy – not to mention several bottles of champagne!

Only one point now separated the top two teams (Queen of the South 51, Dunfermline Athletic 50) with only five games to play. Queen's Park were now the only other real challengers for a promotion place.

With a move up seeming likely Dunfermline were being linked with players said to be potential signings to strengthen the team for First Division football. At the same time Pars players themselves were the subject of transfer speculation and Norrie McCathie had to deny rumours that he would be leaving East End.

Dunfermline met East Stirling at home on 19 April with Q.O.S. travelling to Gayfield to play Arbroath. The top two both won with the Pars again slotting home four goals without reply. Each goal was wildly acclaimed but the shouts were whispers compared to the roar which met a tannoy announcement at the end of the game.

The half-time score from Hampden Park had been Queen's Park 0 Cowdenbeath 1 and the fans knew that if it stayed that way then the Pars were up. The announcement at full-time was eagerly awaited but never audibly completed! 'Queen's Park 0 Cowden . . .' was drowned

out in the tumultuous roar which erupted as the promotion dream became a reality.

The wait was over; fans young and old raced on to the park. The players ran for the dressing room but many did not make it, being swamped by celebrating supporters. The disappointment of the previous season was forgotten. This time there was no mix-up. Everyone could now make plans for trips to grounds which would be new to some younger travelling supporters; Brechin instead of Berwick, Morton for Meadowbank and Airdrie instead of Alloa.

The players, directors and coaching staff were obviously ecstatic. Club chairman Jimmy



*It's party time! Fans invade the pitch and mob the players at the end of the match against East Stirling, April 1986*  
*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

Watters said: 'The last few weeks seem to have taken forever but the job is still not finished; we are looking forward to going up as champions.' Long-serving Jim 'Ziggy' Bowie commented: 'It is tremendous but the boys deserved it; you cannot really believe it when it happens but it is a magnificent feeling.' Goalkeeper Ian Westwater who had done so much throughout the season added: 'This is my first full season with the club and I have enjoyed every minute of it; it is also my first real taste of success in the game but that is all due to the hard work of everybody involved here at East End Park.'

The Hampden result also meant that Queen of the South were promoted too and so with only four games to play the main prize was still to be won. The Championship itself still had to be settled and the Doonhammers were still one point ahead. But confidence at East End was at an all-time high with three wins – and 12 goals without counter – on the trot. Dunfermline's next match was to be against Arbroath at East End on 22 April while the same evening Q.O.S. travelled to Annfield to meet Stirling Albion.

A crowd approaching 3000 filled the East End terracing for the game against the Lichties. Perhaps not surprisingly the Pars started nervously and it took an own goal to break the deadlock in their favour. A second goal from Davie Young against his former team-mates completed the scoring but the important thing was the result; two more valuable points were in the title bag. The Athletic were back in pole position with a one-point advantage for the Annfield scoreline was Stirling Albion 3 Queen of the South 1! Suddenly everything looked like falling into place but it was still too early to start celebrating in earnest. Both teams still had three games to play. The next Dunfermline game was to take place on 26 April, a date well-known to Pars historians. They would meet Berwick at Shielfield Park exactly 25 years to the day Dunfermline had won their first Scottish Cup (coincidentally that year's Cup run had also begun at the Berwick ground). The same afternoon Q.O.S. would play bottom of the league Stranraer at Dumfries.

Approximately 1000 supporters travelled south to boost the Berwick club's normal couple of hundred gate and after another nervous opening spell the Pars settled down with goals from John Watson, Ian Campbell (2) and a rare strike from Davie Moyes against his first senior club, giving the Champions-elect yet another 4-0 victory. The second of Ian Campbell's goals was Dunfermline's 100th league and cup goal of the season and brought another award from the *Daily Record* as the first team to reach the century mark. And there was more good news from Dumfries: Queen of the South 1 Stranraer 2!

The Pars were now three points ahead and only three hours away from the Championship. Even the Berwick bobbies were smiling as the visiting fans danced on the track and sang chorus after chorus of the EastEnders anthem.



But in spite of the excitement no one could forget the two games which remained, hurdles which had to be overcome to make the title a certainty. One win might be enough but everyone involved at East End Park was determined there would be no slip-ups.

A special dinner-dance was held at East End Park to mark the 25th anniversary of the club's first ever Scottish Cup success and the evening, organised by the Paragon Club, was attended by no fewer than nine members of the winning team.

Both Dunfermline and their rivals from Dumfries were to play their last midweek game of the current campaign on 29 April. By coincidence both travelled over the Kincardine Bridge that night, Dunfermline to Ochilview and Q.O.S. to Cowdenbeath. A shock for the Dunfermline fans was the absence of Davie Young from the centre of defence. His place was taken by Bobby Robertson who, coincidentally, had taken over as centre-half from an injured John Salton seven years earlier when a 1-1 draw against Falkirk had secured Dunfermline's promotion to the First Division that season. A crowd of 2600 gave Stenhousemuir their biggest gate in many years and yet again the nerves were showing as Dunfermline struggled through a goal-less first half. Their nerves were not helped with the half-time score from Central Park; Cowdenbeath 1 Queen of the South 3. The second half at Ochilview also failed to provide any goals and there was an air of disappointment when referee George Cumming from Carlisle blew for timeup. The visiting supporters were slightly deflated thinking that their west coast rivals must surely have won.

Then Jim Leishman was spotted running towards Ian Westwater, his arms spread wide. The rest of the Dunfermline backroom staff were sprinting on to the park. Then the tannoy crackled into life. The fans waited. The important message from the announcer concerned someone's lost car keys. Then, almost as an afterthought he added: 'By the way, I have a final score which might be of interest; Cowdenbeath 3 Queen of the South 3'. The Pars were Champions of the Second Division!

The Ochilview pitch suddenly became swamped by a sea of bodies. Players, officials and fans all joined in the celebrations, a mixture of ecstasy and relief that it was all over. This was the club's first league title in sixty years and only the second-ever title win in their proud history. What a way to start their second century! From somewhere Jim Leishman even produced a scarf proclaiming the Championship.

Back in Dunfermline the celebrations were already underway. Horns were being blasted Mexican-style and pubs and hotels were filling up with fans eager to toast their team's success. The team headed back to East End where the celebrations in the Paragon Club went on until the early hours of the following morning. Nobody seemed to care that there was a game to be played the following weekend. And while the party was in full swing a bus pulled up outside the ground in Halbeath Road.

The bus contained the Queen of the South officials and players making their way home from Cowdenbeath. Bitterly disappointed as they were the group climbed the stairs into the Paragon to offer their sincere congratulations to their Dunfermline counterparts. A tremendous display of sportsmanship!

(Incidentally, Cowdenbeath's third goal had been scored with only two minutes left on the clock – the scorer was ex-Par Davie Wilcox.)

The last Saturday of the season saw the Pars travel through to meet Stirling Albion and for the first time in two seasons the result was really of no consequence for the club. Before leaving for Annfield there had been remarkable scenes in Dunfermline's Co-op Sports Shop when the new strip to be worn by the Pars in the First Division went on sale for the first time. The complete stock of 1500 shirts was sold by mid-day as Jim Leishman, players and coaching staff were on hand to sign autographs and to hand out gifts. Leish later commented: 'I have never seen anything like it; it was just wall-to-wall Dunfermline fans.'

The following day Dunfermline met East Fife in the semi-final of the Fife Cup. East Fife eventually progressed on penalties but the highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the Fine Fare Second Division Championship Trophy to Dunfermline. The Cup was handed over to club captain Bobby Robertson by Mr Eric Mitchell, Cowdenbeath FC chairman and a member of the Scottish League Management Committee. Each player received his medal and the trophy was paraded round the ground along with the season's other silverware (the Centenary Cup and the five-a-side trophy won at Meadowbank). The team received a standing ovation.





*Jim Leishman and Bill Braisby receive an award to mark the 1985-6 Championship victory*

The season was over, but what a year it had been. Now the club set the Premier League in their sights!

## Season 1986/87 — Scottish First Division

After winning the Fine Fare Scottish League Second Division Championship Trophy and Flag the season's customary free transfer list was drawn up by Jim Leishman. Never a happy task for a manager. The unlucky players released from East End were Davie Houston, Ian Pryde, Gordon Wilson (all of whom had featured at some stage of the league campaign just ended) and Willie McGinlay. Willie Callaghan, son of the famous ex-Par of the same name, was put on the open-to-transfer list, subsequently freed and later joined Kelty Juveniles. Provisional signings Peter Pryde and Robin McGregor were also told that they would not now be called up.

There remained a retained list of 19 players and plans were drawn up to enlarge and strengthen the pool for the new challenges on the horizon in the middle echelon of Scottish League football.

Off the park figures released by the football authorities revealed that Dunfermline had been the best supported club outside the Premier League. The 19 home league matches and the Skol League Cup match against Stenhousemuir had been watched by a total of 57,158! This was 20,000 more than the next best supported team in the Second Division – Queen of the South – and nearly 10,000 more than the best in the First Division – League Champions Hamilton Academical.

The team strengthening began in earnest at the end of May 1986, when manager Leishman brought several new faces to East End, two of whom seemed certain to book regular first team places. Striker Eric Ferguson (21) was signed on a free from Rangers and another 21-year-old, Ian McCall, signed from the Second Division amateur side Queen's Park. Both joined Dunfermline in the face of strong competition from several other clubs on both sides of the border.

Ferguson, a native of Kincardine-on-Forth, had spent five years at Ibrox but during that time had spent time on loan to Clydebank and Southampton. McCall came to East End after more than two years at Hampden and had just returned from a tournament in Germany where the amateurs from Glasgow had inflicted defeats on Fortuna Dusseldorf and Ujpesti Dozsa to win the competition. The Pars' latest signing had lifted the Player of the Tournament Award.

Two seventeen-year-olds, Graeme Davidson and Stuart Grant, were also signed.

During the month of June the football spotlight was firmly on Mexico where ex-Dunfermline striker Alex Ferguson, then manager of Aberdeen FC, was in charge of the Scottish team with high hopes in the 13th World Cup Tournament.

Mr Ferguson had succeeded the late Jock Stein at the national helm on a part-time basis.

The following month pre-season preparations began in earnest at East End Park. Manager Leishman was poised to sign a two-year contract which he described as 'smashing'. 'It is fantastic to be offered such an opportunity by the club I have always supported,' he said. 'When I took the manager's position I promised that I would never cheat the club; if I was not good enough I would not keep the job. The same situation will still apply even after I sign this contract. Dunfermline Athletic must always come before Jim Leishman.'

The Pars players were subjected to a hard but varied programme of pre-season training



*Ian McCall signs for Dunfermline*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

which started on July 3. Visits to nearby Pettycur Sands on the Fife shores of the River Forth and Portobello south of the river were hardly picnics and an outing to the famous Gleneagles Hotel in Perthshire did not allow for mixing pleasure with business. After a particularly tortuous training run in Blairadam Forest near Kelty Leish quipped: 'It's murder – I feel sorry for them.'

On July 8 Grant Reid was signed from Stenhousemuir for a four-figure sum. The twenty-two-year-old, 6 ft 1 in centre-half put his name to a two-year contract. Reid had experience with Norwich City and Morton behind him before signing for the Warriors in 1983. Known as a long-throw expert and good in the air Reid said: 'I could not be more pleased; the Athletic are a big club with First Division status and a great support.'

As one player joined the staff another moved on. Ian Gordon (25) who had joined the Pars in 1984 from Airdrie moved to Raith Rovers for a fee of £3000. Gordon had made 26 first team appearances during his time at East End.

A friendly was played, and lost 2-1 to Hearts, in the unlikely setting of Glenrothes as part of the pre-season build up. Even more unusual was the game's three half hour periods with changes in line-up at the end of each period. The teams' home grounds, East End Park and Tynecastle, were being prepared for the new season hence the chosen venue.

Elsewhere the Pars starred in the annual Musselburgh 5-a-side tournament losing in the final to Rangers. And at the end of July in their first competitive match since the end of the last season the Athletic inflicted a 5-0 defeat on Cowdenbeath in the first round of the Fife Cup. The Dunfermline team that day included their latest signing, John Waddell from Dundee. At 6 ft 3 in he had the distinction of having been the tallest player in the Premier League.

The Fife Cup competition had taken on a new format in 1986 with both semi-final and the final all being played over the one weekend. All the games took place at Stark's Park in Kirkcaldy and the tournament was sponsored by Alex Penman (Builders) Ltd. of Kirkcaldy. The Pars lost their semi-final to East Fife by the only goal of the game and in turn the men from Methil lost 3-1 to Raith Rovers in the final.





*Grant Reid signs for the Pars*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*



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Back (l to r): Jim Bowie, Davie Young, John Waddell, Grant Reid, Ian Westwater, Hugh Whyte, Steve Morrison, Ian Campbell, Leslie Thomson, Rowan Hamilton;  
 Middle (l to r): Joe Nelson (trainer), Gary Thompson, Ian McCall, Ian Heddlie, Norrie McCathie, Grant Jenkins, Davie Moyes, Raymond Sharp, Stuart Grant, Graeme Davidson, Philip Yeates (physio);  
 Front: John Jobson (second team coach), Trevor Smith, John Watson, Eric Ferguson, Jim Leishman, Bobby Robertson (captain), Bobby Forrest, Gordon Connelly, Gregor Abel (coach)  
 Photo: Courier & Advertiser





*Mr Mel Rennie being congratulated on his appointment as Chairman by the retiring Chairman Mr Jimmy Watters and team manager Jim Leishman*  
*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

The Pars boss made the first of his forecasts for the new season when he said: 'I will be happy to consolidate our position this year; you will not catch me promising miracles but I am sure we will cause a few upsets and will let other teams know just who we are.'

A boost for the club was the news that Ian Westwater and Norrie McCathie were signing new 3-year contracts and John Watson was reported to be on the brink of doing the same. Davie Young, Trevor Smith and Grant Jenkins had still to put pen to paper but were thought to be happy with the terms being offered. The only stumbling blocks were signing-on fees.

At a board meeting on July 28 a boardroom reshuffle was confirmed with Mr William Rennie assuming the Chairman's position when Mr Jimmy Watters stepped down on health grounds. Mr William Braisby took over the vice-chairman's mantle from Mr Rennie. The new chairman commented: 'We are running a big operation here at East End Park and it will mean a lot of hard work.'

On the eve of the new season the Jock Stein Lounge was opened. Situated under the stand it was announced that the new lounge was to be used as part of the hospitality facilities provided by the club.

Leish appealed to the fans to be patient in order to give the team a chance to consolidate their First Division position while predicting that the Pars would 'do quite well although I am not saying we will win anything'.

This was thought more credible than the ideas of a newly-established 'think tank' consisting of people deeply involved in the local business community. Their proposal to move the club to Pitreavie playing fields on the south side of the town with East End Park being developed for housing or industrial purposes met with little support. While acknowledging the possible advantages of such a move the Dunfermline Board only committed themselves to talks at some future date if the plans persisted.

Meanwhile the plans for the forthcoming season were well in hand. For their last warm-up game before the official season kicked off the Pars faced Aberdeen in a re-run of the previous year's Centenary Game. On this occasion Dunfermline could not repeat their victory over the Dons but only failed to do so when the visitors scored a late equaliser with





*Provost Robert Mill unfurls the Second Division Championship Flag before Dunfermline's opening game in the First Division, 9 August 1986*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

just two minutes to go. The Athletic had been 2-up at half-time only to see Alex Ferguson's side stage a frantic fight-back culminating in that late equaliser.

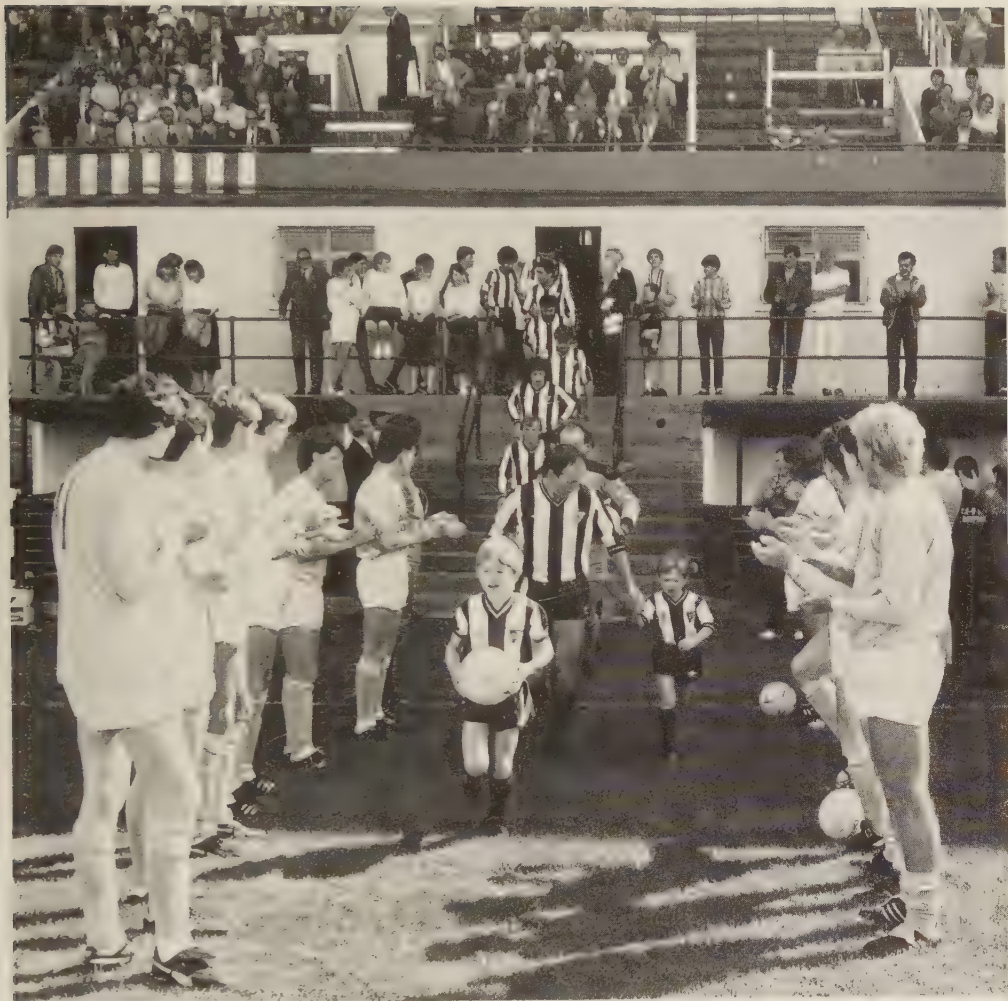
The long-awaited First Division baptism finally came on August 9 with Henry Hall's Forfar Athletic providing the opposition at East End. The Sky Blues had just failed to win a Premier League place the previous season and would be a hard nut to crack. Prior to the kick-off Dunfermline Provost Robert Mill unfurled the Second Division Championship flag to wild acclaim from the packed home terracings. The visitors applauded Dunfermline on to the park but proved to be stiff opponents shortly afterwards. It took a hotly disputed John Watson goal – Forfar claimed their keeper Stewart Kennedy had been fouled – to secure both points for Dunfermline but the Pars were off to a winning start.

The following week saw Dunfermline travel west on two occasions. On August 13 they played Dumbarton at Boghead and three days later met Morton at Cappielow. Morton had been installed as 7/2 favourites to win the First Division title. Dumbarton were second favourites at 11/2 and the Athletic were next in the bookmakers' listing at 8/1.

Dunfermline won both these games by a 1-0 scoreline and after three games found themselves sitting happily at the top of the league. As Leishman had earlier predicted other teams were already getting to know who Dunfermline Athletic were.

Having received a bye in the first round of the 1986 Skol League Cup the Athletic's first outing in this competition was against St. Mirren. The match took place at East End Park on August 20 in front of a 6,161 crowd. Dunfermline were hotly tipped to cause an upset but elementary mistakes in defence gifted two goals to the Buddies. An unfortunate aspect to this game on top of the 2-0 defeat was a ham-string injury picked up by right-back Bobby Robertson which was expected to keep the club captain out for several weeks.

The Cup out of the way it was back to league business the following Saturday with Clyde visiting East End. Two quick goals from Ian McCall – his first for Dunfermline – and John Watson killed off the opposition. After four games without defeat the Pars could boast 8 points, 5 goals for and none against. They were still top of the league, two points clear of Airdrie in second spot.



*The Pars being applauded onto the park by their opponents Forfar Athletic before the game on 9 August 1986*  
*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

The second string had also started their reserve league campaign in winning ways with three straight wins.

With the first team having something akin to a dream start the town was buzzing with anticipation for the visit from local rivals East Fife. Just before the men from Methil came to East End on the last Saturday in August Dunfermline announced that they had entered a three-year sponsorship agreement with Aluglaze, the Glenrothes-based double-glazing company.

The Bayview boys had got off to the worst possible start to their own season with only three draws from their four games. Dunfermline were predicted easy winners but as so often happens in local derby matches the form book went out of the window. By half-time East Fife were 3-0 up and Jim Leishman was booked at the interval for protesting to the referee about an earlier booking incident. The second half saw the Methil men add a fourth before counters from Morrison and Watson put a better complexion on the score-line. This defeat cost the Pars their top spot to Airdrie on goal difference.

The only good news for the fans that day had been the confirmation that Grant Jenkins had settled his differences and had signed on until the end of the season.

An indication of the club's support came with the news that a Federation of Dunfermline Supporters Clubs was to be formed which would help to protect fans' interests and hopefully secure more efficient travelling arrangements.





*Gary Thompson and John Watson push forward  
against East Fife on 30 August 1986*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



*The popular Ian Campbell took a lot of 'stick'  
from fellow players, management and fans  
in view of the Pars sponsorship deal with  
'Aluglaze'. The reason? – Ian holds a manage-  
ment position with C. R. Smith – a rival of the  
sponsor in the field of double glazing*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



On the first Saturday of September Dunfermline travelled to Kilmarnock for their first league meeting with the Ayrshire team since March 1982. It was important for Leishman's Lions to get back on the winning trail as quickly as possible in order not to lose momentum in their promotion push. John Waddell making his league debut at right-back for the Fifers was shown the red card after just 26 minutes and just before the break Dunfermline lost a goal which equalised an opener from Jenkins. But the ten-men Pars lead was restored four minutes from time through a Bobby Forrest strike and the game ended 2-1 in the Athletic's favour.



Some of the YTS players with officials of Dunfermline FC, Dunfermline District Council, and the Manpower Services Commission: (l to r) Alistair MacKay (MSC), David Sinclair, Richard Haig, Greig Donaldson, Paul Johnston, Bobby Wilson (in charge of club's youth policy), Jim Leishman, Stuart McVickers, Paul Gribbon, Andy Williamson, Stewart Webster (DDC)  
Photo: Courier & Advertiser



On the same weekend that the first team had travelled to Ayrshire Dunfermline's recently formed youth team, consisting mainly of youngsters signed up under the Government's Youth Training Scheme went north to Inverness to take part in the Highland town's prestigious youth tournament. The Fife youngsters reached the final with victories over the home team and Augsburg from Germany. Celtic provided the opposition in the closely contested final which an injury-hit Dunfermline lost by the only goal of the game.

Back in Fife confidence was restored after the win at Rugby Park and the team was optimistic about further wins in their next two matches away at Brechin City followed by Partick Thistle at home.

At Glebe Park an early goal from Brechin spurred on the visitors from Fife who found the back of the net four times (two from midfielder Ian Heddle) before the final whistle. The following Tuesday the Jags travelled east to Dunfermline for a game later described as being 'a poor match with a good result for the Pars' as the Fifiers scored twice without counter. Grant Jenkins scored first, the second being an own goal from Partick's John Donnelly. Exactly a week later that same John Donnelly was signed by Jim Leishman. Two years earlier manager Leishman had tried unsuccessfully to get the 25-year-old left-sided midfielder's signature while he was on the books of Leeds United. He joined his latest club just as they had leap-frogged Airdrie back into pole position.

A sign of the team's growing support came with the news that the newly-introduced match sponsorship scheme where businesses could bring guests into the ground for a pre-match meal followed by a first class view of their chosen game had been well-met.

On September 20 Dunfermline travelled south to Dumfries to renew acquaintances with their fellow promotion rivals of the previous season. After Q.O.S. went in front through an early penalty goalkeeper Ian Westwater put up the shutters with a superb display with a second-half rocket from Steve Morrison earning the Pars a point.

Showing that they were not to be outdone the Dunfermline Reserves had had an even better start to their season with seven straight wins. This run came to an end at Central Park, Cowdenbeath, however, on October 1 when they lost 4-3, fighting back from a 4-1 scoreline with just five minutes to play.

The East Enders played two more games before the end of September. Both were at home and three more points were in the bag before the first quarter of the 44-match season was completed. In the first of the two games the Pars played host to Airdrie who had once more gone to the top of the First Division. The visitors gave nothing away in a 0-0 draw in front of a 6,000 crowd.

On the last day of the month Montrose came south to East End. Their journey was pointless in more ways than one when a classic John Watson goal put the ball beyond the reach of goalkeeper Ray Charles and the game beyond the reach of his team. Charles' opposite number in this game was Hugh Whyte making a reappearance between the sticks for the first time since March 23, 1985. Regular first choice goalkeeper Ian Westwater was suffering from a pelvic ligament injury.

The success story at East End Park was beginning to attract attention from other quarters, however, with representatives from Crystal Palace, Spurs, Luton, Hibs, Hearts, Motherwell and Dundee on the lookout for players at the Montrose meeting!

The result saw a 2-point gap open above Airdrie and the earlier talk of consolidation was rapidly becoming one of promotion, at least in the eyes of the ever-optimistic fans.

October started with a point won in a six-goal thriller at Forfar, Norrie McCathie grabbing a late equalizer. Grant Reid suffered a broken nose in this match which subsequently required an operation.

Dumbarton at home and Clyde away saw promotion hopes take a tumble with two consecutive defeats, both by the only goal of the game. Jim Leishman responded with a promise to get the players back working again but said he felt that in some ways the defeats had eased the pressures on the side.

But faith in the players was indicated when the Board announced that plans were being laid to offer full-time contracts to the playing staff. Those taking up the offer would join the YTS youngsters already working full-time at the ground and manager Leishman said he hoped it would lead to a pool of about 18 players. It was also announced that the Big Man himself had been offered a two year contract as full-time manager! Chairman Mel Rennie



*Norrie McCathie hits the ground as the ball beats Forfar goalkeeper Jim Moffat for Dunfermline's third goal at Station Park on 4 October 1986*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*

commented: 'Because of the terrific build-up at East End Park and the extra football business which our manager has had to deal with we believe the only course open to us is to appoint Jim as our full-time manager; we feel that this is an important step in the right direction; if the opportunity of playing in the Premier League should arise it will be grasped with eager hands.' The decision to go full-time was thought likely to cost the club in the region of £250,000 per year once it was fully operational.

Someone obviously felt that the manager deserved even greater promotion when they chalked a message on a board at the town's new eastern link road which read: 'Leishman for Prime Minister'! The man was not so popular with the referee's Committee, however. They banned him from sitting in the dugout until the end of the season, gave him a severe censure and a fine of £200 following a booking and an 'ordering off'.

On October 18 Dunfermline faced Morton at East End Park. The Greenock side who had started the season as championship favourites were lying just outside the top four in the promotion race. Dunfermline were currently second. With Bobby Robertson back in the side to help steady the home defence it took John Donnelly's first goal for his new club to equalize an earlier Morton goal and to earn a share of the points.

Dumbarton had now taken over at the top of the table and Dunfermline were quick to realise they needed a good series of results to put pressure on the other contenders. They would start the following week when Brechin City came to East End. Brechin went back north after a 4-0 drubbing which had seen Eric Ferguson open his league scoring account for Dunfermline. Gordon Connelly became the twenty-second player to pull on a Pars shirt this season and played well in the game which restored his team at the top of the league, Dumbarton losing away at Montrose. That lead was to be stretched to three points with 1-0 wins over Partick Thistle at Firhill and Kilmarnock at East End Park.

On the player front it was announced that Steve Morrison, John Donnelly, Ian McCall, John Waddell, Gordon Connelly, Raymond Sharp and Ronnie Findlay were signing full-time contracts with John Waddell's wages being partly paid from EEC funds as a consequence of his involvement in a community coaching project in Edinburgh.





*A moment of panic in the Morton goal area at East End Park on 18 October 1986*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



*John Watson tries a shot at goal in the same match*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



*Spot the ball! Action from the game against Brechin City on 25 October 1986*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*

Behind the scenes the position of commercial consultant was filled by Australian Karen Grega who had been involved with football Down Under for some 14 years as a player, referee, a full-time club administrator and a publicity officer!

The Pars next league encounter was against East Fife at Bayview, the Pars never having won there since 1973. The Methil men were to extend this run with a 2-1 win in a match which saw left-back Bobby Forrest suffer a fractured pelvis. More galling from the Pars point of view was the fact that East Fife had now defeated them four times in six months – twice in the Fife Cup and twice in league fixtures.

That same weekend Scotsport's reporter Ian Archer caused Dunfermline hearts to flutter with his suggestion that Leish 'could be offered the manager's job at Aberdeen' following the departure of Alex Ferguson for Manchester United.

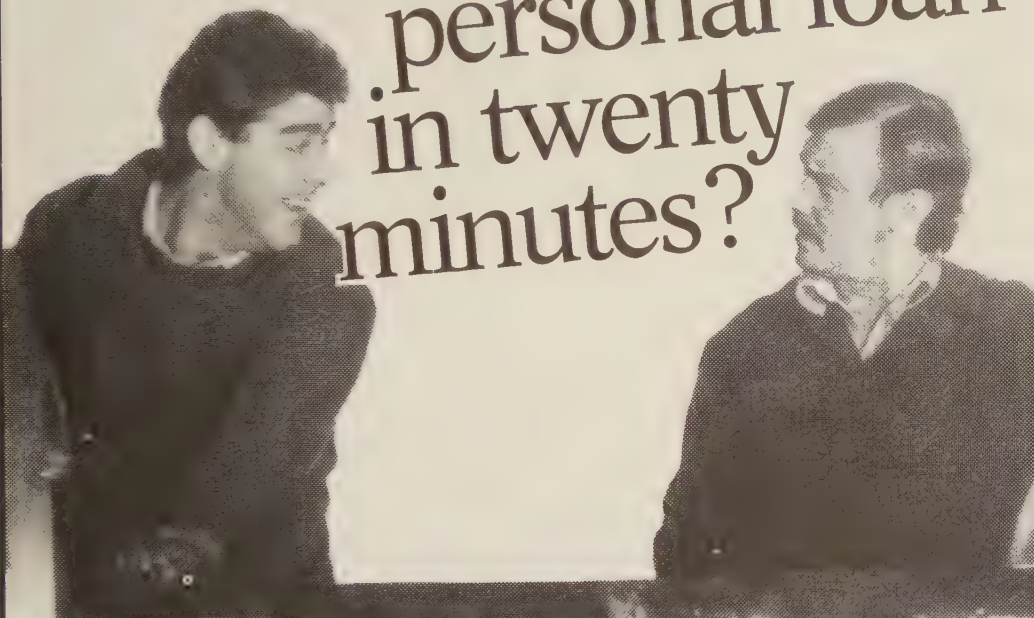
On November 15 Dunfermline faced Queen of the South at East End and got off to the best possible start when John Watson found the back of the net after just 90 seconds! But celebrations were short-lived as the visitors went ahead with a brace from Tommy Bryce. Up popped Eric Ferguson however with just 15 minutes left on the clock to see the game end all-square.

Jim Leishman's name was now being linked with the vacant manager's position at Easter Road after John Blackley's departure and it was also reported that a Second Division outfit were interested in having Leish at their helm. Nothing came of any of these stories, however, as was the case with the report that Gregor Abel was to move to Aberdeen as assistant to their newly-appointed manager, Fifer Ian Porterfield.



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*There is no truth in the rumour that the batteries have to be charged at half-time each week. Jim and Gregor keep in touch during a game with a set of walkie-talkies*

*Photos: Dunfermline Press*

The reserves continued their good form with only the odd result going against them and were subsequently declared winners of the Scottish Reserve League East – only for the rules to be changed (and not for the last time this season). Their season was unexpectedly extended into the new year which meant they faced a further seven matches in their attempt to get among the silverware.

Meanwhile the big team reserved possibly their worst display of the season for the visit to Airdrie on November 22. It was a day of strong winds and heavy rain which made it even more ironic that it was an Airdrie player by the name of Flood who created havoc among the visiting defence. The Diamonds ran out easy 3-0 winners costing Dunfermline the leadership of the league on goal difference to Dumbarton (Pars +10, the Sons +11).

The following Saturday saw the league programme reach the halfway stage and a solid victory by two goals without reply at Montrose saw the Athletic leap-frog back into top slot with 29 points from 22 games. The second quarter of the season had yielded only eleven points but with other teams slipping little ground, if any, had been lost.

With the club's annual general meeting pending it was announced that the Athletic had incurred a net loss of £20,694 compared to a net loss of £8,470 the previous season. The directors were reported to consider the situation satisfactory bearing in mind the giant steps forward during the intervening 12 months. Behind the scenes a video cassette entitled 'Dunfermline Athletic – The Golden Years' was produced. It was composed of excerpts from television film footage of many of the memorable games of the 1960's together with interesting interviews (filmed by Douglas Scott, co-author of 'Black and White Magic', the book about those halcyon days) with several of the stars who proudly wore the famous colours during that period.

On the first Saturday of December Dunfermline got the third term of their league programme underway when Forfar Athletic came to visit. Yet again both goalkeepers excelled themselves but in the end the Pars power carried them through thanks to goals from Watson and Morrison. The attitude of the players was confirmed when Watson, Robertson and Forrest all played an important role in the proceedings, determined to play in spite of a 'flu virus.



The following Saturday the Athletic met Dumbarton in front of 4000 supporters at Boghead. Dunfermline went in front through Ian McCall after just 9 minutes but the home side hit back with an equaliser just short of the break. Nine minutes from time Norrie McCathie, scorer of so many important goals throughout this season, popped up to nod home a late winner. This loss was only Dumbarton's second defeat in the league at home in this season to date, the only other defeat also being at the hands of Dunfermline on August 13!

On the transfer front reports from rumour control once more placed John Watson and McCathie in the frame. Norrie McCathie scotched the rumours with an announcement that he had no burning ambition to move on to a bigger club and while it was reported that a bid of £60,000 had been received for Watson from Crystal Palace it was stated quite firmly that he would not be leaving East End Park.

Two players were on the move, however, Ian Heddle signed for St Johnstone (£5000) on December 15 and John Waddell was released. He subsequently signed for Stenhousemuir.

With 1986 drawing to a close attention began to focus on the New Year and the plans for the overall future of the club. It was announced that new floodlights were to be installed during the close season. They were to be erected on the roofs of the stand and the north enclosure replacing the former pylons which have for so long been a landmark in the town. New turnstiles were to be built at the town end of the ground. This was said to be the oldest part of the present East End Park. It was also said that work would be carried out on the pitch during the summer of 1987. All this work was scheduled to begin at the conclusion of the Four Nations Semi-Professional Tournament which was to be played in Fife at the end of May featuring teams from Scotland, England, Holland and Italy.

Great news – and confirmation of the fans beliefs – was to come later when it was announced that Watson and McCathie were named in the pool by Scotland team boss Craig Brown with club physiotherapist Philip Yeates joining the backroom boys.

A further announcement concerned the appointment of 33-year-old Ian Campbell as player-coach. Ian would be assisting Gregor Abel with the first team and would also help with the reserves and youth players. Jim Leishman said: 'Ian has set himself incredibly high



*New stand under construction in the summer of 1962. Note floodlight pylon and turnstiles – both due to be replaced during 1987*

*Photo: D. Harrison*

standards over the years and he has won the admiration of many managers; I expect him to bring his own opinions to the job.' One of his first official coaching duties concerned the course run over the Christmas holiday period involving upwards of 100 youngsters from the Centenary Club and 'S'-form signings.

Back on league business Dunfermline travelled to Greenock to meet second-placed Morton on December 27 without striker John Watson who was missing through suspension. Appropriately for the time of year the game turned out to be a real cracker with a goal from McCathie in the dying seconds earning Dunfermline a point against 10-man Morton, Doak having been sent off in 78 minutes.

These last two games of 1986 made many people through in the west sit up and take notice. In his traditional New Year message chairman Mel Rennie said that Dunfermline was a big club with ambitions to match. 'Our sights are set very high and everyone at the club works very hard to try to ensure success,' he said.

As preparations were being made for the return of East Fife to East End on January 1, 1987, the league table showed Dunfermline to be in top spot with a four point cushion over three teams – Morton, Dumbarton and that day's visitors from Methil – who were all sitting on the 30 point mark.

The Ne'erday game saw almost 5000 fans turn out for what should have been a thrilling game. Instead they were treated to something of a pantomime! The decision to allow the game to go ahead came as something of a surprise; apart from the bitterly cold conditions there was driving snow and inches of water and mud to contend with on the park. In all seven players were booked and East Fife's Conroy was carried off with a suspected broken leg. The Pars' John Donnelly did not take to the field after the break when it became apparent he was suffering from hypothermia! In fact it was so cold that the Athletic players wore two strips during the second half in an attempt to maintain body heat. And to round things off the Pars' Grant Jenkins scored both goals in the 1-1 draw, his first of the day to give Dunfermline the lead being his 50th goal for the club.



*Grant Jenkins scores the Athletic's goal against East Fife on New Year's Day 1987. This was Grant's 50th goal for the Pars*

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*

Two days later the Pars players had to shake off any after-effects when they travelled through to Ayrshire for the season's third meeting with Kilmarnock. In an ill-tempered game which saw Killie centre-half Martin sent off the home side scored in the dying seconds of the game to earn themselves a 2-2 draw. One milestone was achieved, however, in that this



game saw full-back Bobby Forrest, signed originally as a winger, make his 200th first team appearance.

The infamous winter weather proceeded to set in and the Athletic's next game could not take place until January 24; the venue was Dumfries.

The team continued to score off the field, however, with the news from the Scottish Football League that in the first half of the season Dunfermline's home gates had totalled 47,016, almost 20,000 up on the same period during the previous promotion-winning season. This latest figure was more than 11,000 ahead of the second best, Queen of the South, ironically the other newcomer to the First Division.

Meanwhile behind the scenes the lottery ticket sales were being relaunched under the new name of 'Pars Pounds' making them more readily identifiable with Dunfermline Athletic FC. There was to be a guaranteed £1000 prize every month with the tickets which replaced the previous Fifecash system. It was also announced that the club were opening their own supporters shop at East End Park and that the Y.T.S. involvement was to be extended during January with three new youngsters coming into the group to bring the number to 10.

Around this time training was proving difficult to organise because of the weather and trips to facilities in Edinburgh preceded the visit to Dumfries. The lack of match-fitness showed through, however, although goals from Ferguson and Jenkins did earn the Pars a 2-1 victory. Dave Young made his 100th appearance for the Athletic that day.

The team spent the following week preparing for their Scottish Cup third round tie against Hibs at Easter Road on the last day of January. This was the fifth time that the Pars had been drawn against the Edinburgh side in this competition during the past 12 seasons and the Athletic had yet to record a win. But win or lose the players were given the simple instruction to go out and enjoy themselves. They were to be joined by more than 6000 fans who were to travel to the capital in fleets of cars, more than 40 coaches and even a special train.

A goal from Hibs at the end of each half put an end to any Pars aspirations but again the Fifers were not disgraced. In his after-match comments Jim Leishman said that the game had proved that three or four new faces would be needed if promotion was achieved that season in order to consolidate in the Premier League.

Dunfermline resumed their league campaign against Airdrie at East End on February 7. For this game the Athletic had one new face on their bench in the shape of Billy Mackay. Mackay, on loan from Hearts, had started his senior career with Rangers but a bad knee injury had forced him out of the game for 18 months before the Tynecastle club gave him a second chance. Originally from Glenrothes the red-headed player was to play an important

*Davie Young with arm upraised, sends in a header with Alan Rough watching anxiously*

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*





*Alan Rough struggles to hold an Eric Ferguson shot in the 1987 cup-tie at Easter Road*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



*John Watson leaps above the Hibs defence in the Scottish Cup tie at Easter Road to head goalwards*

*Photo: Eric McCowat, Scottish Daily Express*





*Lottery ticket sales were relaunched with a change in name. The 'Fifecash' label was dispensed with and instead the tickets and publicity material carried the description 'Pars Pounds' which readily identified the lottery with Dunfermline Athletic Football Club. Manager Jim Leishman is pictured with promotion girls Julie McHendry (left) and Carole Lynch kicking off the new deal at East End Park*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

role in the scoreline during his debut when a slip 15 minutes from time allowed the Diamonds to equalise an earlier Donnelly goal for the Fifers. (As an aside this game was sponsored by the manufacturers of a brand of potato crisps which made this a crunch game in more ways than one!)

Clyde were visitors to East End on Tuesday, February 10, and a soggy pitch saw Dunfermline struggle to overcome the Bully Wee. The visitors had Flexney shown the red card in the first half and goals from Ferguson and Donnelly eventually saw two more valuable points in the Fife coffers. Dunfermline's unbeaten run was now extended to nine games and Leish joked: 'It is very boring when you keep on winning – you cannot slag anyone.'



*John Donnelly scores from the penalty spot against Clyde, 10 February 1987*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*

Just when it seemed that the Pars league campaign was about to get back to a settled programme after the usual winter weather chaos there were further postponements in the middle of the month when two meetings with Montrose both had to be called off in four days! The Pars main championship rivals at this stage, Greenock Morton, were not so unfortunate, however, and took over pole position on goal difference although the Pars were left with three games in hand. This was the first time that the Athletic had been displaced from top spot since November 22, 1986!

Not for the first time this season Jim Leishman had to take time off from preparations for the forthcoming matches to deny speculative stories that former Pars star Allan Evans, the Aston Villa skipper, was about to return to East End Park.

On February 21, the date set aside for the fourth round of the Scottish Cup, Dunfermline were able to play one of their outstanding league fixtures when they welcomed Partick Thistle to the Halbeath Road ground. A 2-1 victory saw the unbeaten run stretched to ten games! Substitute McCall score the vital second goal fifteen minutes from the final whistle after Partick had earlier equalised with a John Donnelly own goal (a remarkable coincidence since Donnelly had scored the second goal for Dunfermline when the teams met at East End earlier in the season – on that occasion, however, it had been an own-goal by the Jag).





*The Partick Thistle defence gets to grips with John Watson*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*

*'Duego' McCall rounds Partick's goalkeeper to score at East End Park on 21 February 1987*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



This victory took the Pars back to the top of the table and the following Tuesday the team travelled north to play their much-postponed game against Brechin City. The Glebe Parkers had improved on their earlier lowly position in the table but Dunfermline were keen to open up a gap between themselves and their fellow promotion contenders. Donnelly opened the Pars account – at the right end this time – in the first period and after the break McCall added a second. Brechin could have pulled one back after being awarded a penalty two minutes from time but an excellent Westwater save kept the Dunfermline goal intact and two more valuable points were added to the season's tally. Dunfermline now sat four points above Morton and six ahead of Dumbarton.

The next game was also north of the Tay when Forfar Athletic provided the opposition on February 28. The home side still had hopes of a late surge in the promotion race having gone ten games without defeat. McCall scored for the Pars but the Fifers lost the place losing three goals to an enterprising Angus side. To add to the agony Donnelly missed a penalty in the

*Gary Thompson in action against Partick Thistle*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*





game which ended Dunfermline hopes of a new record of twelve consecutive First Division matches without defeat. The previous record was for the old First Division before reorganisation so it might well be said that the eleven games this season was something of a record after all. Their previous best run in the new set up had been six matches.

The attendance at Station Park was 2039, the largest home league gate for Forfar all season which also saw a new club record established for gate receipts at a league game there.

The Pars lead at the top had been cut to three points with Morton drawing 0-0 away to Clyde but Leishman's Lions still had a vital game in hand. This was eventually played when Montrose came to East End on March 3. The Links Park men were anchored firmly at the bottom of the table 25 points behind the Pars and with the distinction of being one of only two senior Scottish teams (the other being Meadowbank Thistle) never to have won at East End Park. That unenviable record remained at the end of the 90 minutes, however, with goals from Watson and substitute Grant Jenkins seeing Dunfermline open up a five point gap over Morton in second spot. Dunfermline and Morton had now played the same number of games but Dumbarton (six points behind Dunfermline) had a game in hand over them both.

Off the field of play it was revealed that the Athletic board were considering the installation of closed circuit television at the ground to monitor crowd behaviour. A 'hoolivan' had been in operation at East End during the Montrose game and the police who would operate the equipment were thought to be pleased that the club was considering the idea. Although there had been few problems in crowd control at the ground it was regarded as something for the future particularly if the promotion dream became a reality. The Premier League would result in increased attendances and it was thought that such installation work would enable the club to increase the ground capacity.

Everyone connected with the club was saddened to hear of the death of Mr Jock Thomson (69) who had died in Dunfermline's Milesmark Hospital on March 1. Mr Thomson had devoted much of his spare time to helping various athletes with their sprint training and had even helped his son Kenny, a former Pars stalwart, win the Scottish Professional Footballers sprint championship in 1975 and 1976. Under managers George Miller and Harry Melrose Mr. Thomson had been involved in the training of players at East End. Jim Leishman recalled: 'He was a great man and a super person and he will be missed, not only in football circles, but among the youth of the town; he was dedicated to whatever he was involved in.'

With the Pars apparently back on song with the victory over Montrose the scene was set for the visit of promotion and championship rivals Dumbarton on March 7. With their game in hand the Sons were probably the most dangerous challengers. Dumbarton had been the last side to win at East End - way back on October 8 - and everything verified the fans prediction that this would be 'a four-pointer'. Leishman commented: 'The boys are really looking forward to this one and they know to expect a tough game; however the team which wins will only get two points and our players do not have any extra pressure on them to defeat Dumbarton.'

Just as had been the case when the two teams met at Boghead on December 13 the match



*John Watson moves in to score the opening goal against Montrose on 3 March 1987*

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*



*Steve Morrison (just in the picture on extreme right) watches his shot hit the net for the only goal of the game when Dunfermline played Dumbarton at East End on 7 March 1987*

*Photo: Enzo Minichella*

was covered by BBC Scotland's Sportsound. It was also being filmed by Scottish Television's Scotsport cameras for the transmission of match highlights the following afternoon. This was the first time in seven seasons that television cameras had covered a game at East End Park!

What viewers saw was a hard-fought, evenly-contested affair with Steve Morrison scoring the only goal of the game. But a fair share of the credit must go to goalkeeper Westwater for an excellent display between the sticks and forward McCall for his incessant running at the visiting defence. Referee P. Hanley from Coatbridge might well have added to the afternoon's tension with some of his decisions but since not one player was booked he obviously took note of just how much was at stake.

A freak snowstorm caused the postponement of the Morton v Kilmarnock game and Dunfermline now found themselves seven points clear of the Cappielow club (eight ahead of Dumbarton) although their two nearest rivals could boast a game in hand over the Fifers.

During the following midweek Morton played off their postponed game with Kilmarnock and narrowed the gap at the top to five points with a 2-1 win. The game was covered by BBC's Sportsound with Jim Leishman ably assisting as match commentator!

Back at East End Dr. Bobby Robertson, the Athletic's 28-year-old skipper and a Pars fan since boyhood made it quite clear that he was desperate to see his team move up to the Premier League. 'It would be the achievement of my ambition as a Dunfermline player and as a supporter,' he said. Meanwhile Umbro, the sports good suppliers, signed a two-year contract with Dunfermline to supply equipment (with the exception of boots) to the club. The contract was reported to be worth a five figure sum to the club with the good news that the strip introduced less than a year earlier would remain unchanged.

On March 14 Dunfermline travelled to the Maryhill district of Glasgow to play Clyde at Firhill. The meeting with the Bully Wee was settled by a McCathie goal in the dying seconds



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*Stuart Beedie scores for Dundee United against Aberdeen*

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*Ian Westwater leaps to gather a corner kick in the game at Methil on 28 March 1987*

*Photo: Hamish Hill*





with an inspired performance from Fife goalkeeper Ian Westwater keeping an impressive Clyde side at bay throughout the game. If anyone was likely to score a late goal for the Pars then McCathie would have been odds-on favourite! This was the fifth time this particular season that he had scored vital goals in the final quarter hour of matches. Jim Leishman was delighted with the result.

'It was a difficult game,' he said, 'but all credit must go to the lads who kept working until the very end. They got a goal at a time when Clyde could not possibly come back.' Leish went on to give the clearest hint yet that he thought Dunfermline could soon be in the Premier League when he added: 'If we keep working hard I think we have a wee chance!'

The next team to visit East End Park was none other than the second-placed Greenock Morton and Dunfermline's loyal support was urged to turn up and shout their team on to a victory which would put the Athletic seven points clear at the top and would virtually clinch promotion and make the winning of the Championship a possibility. The game against their nearest challengers took place on March 21, but it was not the result the home side wanted. Morton ran out 2-1 winners having inflicted the first home defeat of Dunfermline since October 8. The game was filmed by the BBC Sportscene cameras and commentator Archie McPherson summed it up when he said that he thought Dunfermline had suffered from stage-fright.

It was certainly looking as if the thought of top-grade football after just one year out of the Second Division was getting to the players. But there was no doubting their commitment and most certainly not that of the manager!

Wednesday, March 25, saw the departure of one of East End Park's most popular players when 30-year-old Jim Bowie left for St Johnstone for a nominal fee. 'Ziggy', as he was known affectionately to supporters, had been out of the first team pool since October but would be fondly remembered by all at Dunfermline.

On the last Saturday of March Dunfermline travelled to Methil to play local rivals East Fife for the fourth and last time this season. Jim Leishman said that his philosophy was that 'the next game is always the most important' and that 'getting over-excited about dreams of promotion will not help anyone.' The Methil side had just lost their long-serving manager David Clarke to Falkirk; Clarke had taken the club's excellent goalkeeper Gordon Marshall with him to Brockville and midfielder David Kirkwood had moved to Glasgow Rangers. The new manager at Bayview, Gavin Murray, had signed goalkeeper Ray Charles from Montrose to replace Marshall but in spite of all the changes it was recognised that the derby would be no easier than the earlier encounters.

Over the 90 minutes the 1-1 scoreline was probably the fairest result with the Pars goal coming from the penalty spot. Scorer was the club's latest signing Willie Irvine from Hibernian. The 23-year-old striker had only put pen to paper the day before but looked a well-worthwhile addition to the books. With Morton winning at Dumbarton the Pars promotion chances looked even better although Morton, an ever-increasing threat to the Championship dream, had closed the gap at the top to just two points. And there were only six games remaining of the fixture list!

A second player was signed from Hibs on March 30. Stuart Beedie (26) cost Dunfermline £35,000 bringing the total of cash sent over the Forth Bridge to £50,000 in four days!

Beedie had previous experience with Montrose, St Johnstone and Dundee United before moving to Easter Road. His debut for the reserves was only outshone by the performance of teenager Andy Williamson, a 17-year-old YTS signing at the club. The Glenrothes-based youngster, one of manager Leishman's first 'S' form signings capped his own performance with one of the team's four goals against East Stirling Reserves.

The next league game was against Kilmarnock at East End and the Athletic knew only too well that a point from each of the remaining six matches would see their long-burning ambition of top rung football become a reality. But it was important to remember that the Championship too was still there to be won and that such a success would create a piece of footballing history. No team had ever won the Second and First Division titles in successive seasons since league reconstruction.

Both Irvine and Beedie made their home debuts for the first team against the men from Ayrshire on the first Saturday of April, 1987. In spite of having two-thirds of play throughout the game Dunfermline never recovered from losing an early goal which proved to be the only



*Ian Westwater and Bobby Robertson tidy up a loose ball in the match against Kilmarnock*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*

score of the match. There was tremendous disappointment among players and supporters alike but manager Leishman slammed the prophets of doom and said he was not unduly worried as the commitment was still there. He was looking forward optimistically to the following Saturday when the Fifers would travel to Firhill to play Partick Thistle.

That week it was announced that two of the young East Enders had been chosen for the Scottish Under-16 select team to meet the Faroe Islands at Stark's Park in Kirkcaldy on April 17. The selection of Ian Black and Stuart McVicar, both 15, was further evidence of the flourishing youth policy being developed at Dunfermline Athletic.

The Firhill match got off to a flying start with Steve Morrison letting loose a left-foot rocket from all of 35 yards which found the back of the net after only four minutes. A strike, some said, worthy of any goal-of-the-season award! John Donnelly, making a return to his former home ground, added a second after the interval but the Pars could easily have added more, striking the woodwork twice.

It was not only the first team that had something to chase as the season drew to a climax. The reserves who had led their league since the first game had only one match still to play – Raith Rovers away from home – and it was the Kirkcaldy side which posed the biggest threat to the second stringers' ambitions as they had several games in hand.

Meanwhile in the week following the Partick game Leish and Gregor Abel travelled to Northern Ireland on a scouting mission. They returned with high hopes of adding players to the Athletic pool for what was still hoped to be their first season in the Premier League.

There was a great deal of newspaper talk in the days leading up to the match against Brechin City at East End the following Saturday of how the Pars could clinch promotion with a win over the Angus side should Dumbarton falter at Montrose. It would be a remarkable coincidence if promotion could be sewn up on April 18 as it would be exactly a year to the day since the step-up from the Second Division had been confirmed. A further coincidence



was that the Brechin match referee, Mr T. Muirhead from Stenhousemuir, had also been in charge a year earlier.

But alas there was to be no promotion party just yet as the Glebe Park men surprised everyone by winning 2-0 on a hard, dusty pitch with a gusty wind proving troublesome. A crowd of 4645 had turned up in the hope of seeing the first-ever Fife team winning a Premier place but the expected champagne turned sour with many fans leaving early after Brechin found the net for the second time. But in typical fashion Jim Leishman picked up a scarf thrown away in disgust with the comment that he was still proud to wear the club colours.

In fact the afternoon turned out to be not nearly so disastrous as it first appeared. Dumbarton had lost at Montrose and Morton had been beaten at home by Partick Thistle. The team were still on course!

The Pars required, at most, two points from the three remaining fixtures – Queen of the South at home, Airdrie and Montrose away – to get the promotion which was still the primary concern of everyone connected with the club.

Jimmy Thomson, a coach with Dunfermline during the managerial period of Pat Stanton, returned to East End Park to help run the club's youth teams, a policy underlined with the announcement that three of the young players were to take part in Scotland's Under-18 international against Ulster at Stark's Park, Kirkcaldy, on April 25. The players – David Sinclair, Shaun Strang and Andrew Williamson – were the first to be capped in Jim Leishman's time in charge at East End and Strang made his manager's day by scoring twice in Scotland's 4-0 win.



*The first-team pool warm-up before a training session under the watchful eye of Ian Campbell*

But while the youngsters were making their international debuts their senior colleagues were busy taking on Queen of the South in the Athletic's last home league match of the season. Two points would clinch promotion and the team got what everyone wanted by virtue of a goal after 12 minutes from Willie Irvine!

The result meant that Dunfermline Athletic FC were the first-ever Fife club to compete in the Premier League of Scottish football! And how everyone celebrated!

The match could hardly have been called a classic but the excitement compensated for this with the tension at times being almost unbearable. This was particularly true as the men from



*Willie Irvine (out of picture) scores the goal against Queen of the South which clinched promotion to the Premier League*  
*Photo: Dunfermline Press*

Dumfries rallied in the last ten minutes to provide a grandstand finish. Ian Westwater pulled off two magnificent saves during this spell and a Queen's forward found the side-netting. Even before the final whistle, however, the celebrations had begun on the terracing. And the fans were soon to continue their partying on the pitch.

The whistle was almost drowned out; the crowd went crazy; manager Jim Leishman wept openly. He was not alone. But they were tears of joy.

Gregor Abel later revealed that Leish had been shouting so excitedly from his seat in the stand that his assistant had turned off his walkie-talkie. His instructions were coming over loud and clear without it. But any comments after the whistle had gone would have been completely drowned out by the cheers and scenes which greeted the players as they made their way into the directors box to acknowledge the supporters. The celebrations below the stairs continued in the dressing room with manager Leishman and club chairman Mel Rennie being dumped unceremoniously into the team bath. Later the chairman was presented with the match ball autographed by all the players.



*The fans pour onto the pitch to mob the players*

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*





*Jim Leishman and 'Pink' Campbell celebrate in the stand as the final whistle goes*

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*

*Players and officials get a champagne shower in the Directors' box as the serious celebrations begin*

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*





*The customary bath scene as the promoted Pars carry on the celebrations. (Note that Leish didn't bother taking his gear off!)*

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*

Jim Leishman told the assembled pressmen that April 25 had been both the best and the worst day of his life. He had been up since 4.30 a.m. and had been physically ill several times during the day as the kick-off approached. 'But it was all worth it just to be here tonight having succeeded in keeping my promise to the club and to the fans who mean so much to us all,' he said.

Club captain Bobby Robertson summed it up. 'It has always been my ambition to get into the Premier League,' he said, 'but now that we have done it I can't put the feeling into words.' And as the celebrations went on long into the night Gregor Abel, no stranger to promotion parties, added: 'It has been a long season but when the success eventually came it is absolutely incredible; it gets sweeter all the time!'

The players were rewarded by the club with the news that they were to be taken to Majorca for a week in May in addition to the bonuses they would also receive. Dunfermline District Council's Provost Robert Mill was on hand to add his congratulations. 'This will boost the morale of the town and spread the name of Dunfermline District,' he said. The game had been watched by 5482 people (the day's third highest attendance in Scotland) and this brought the total number of spectators who had watched the Athletic in the home league matches this season to an amazing 91,223! An average home gate of 4146.

The following week brought confirmation that the Dunfermline Reserves had won the Scottish Reserve League (East) title when their nearest challengers, Raith Rovers, lost their second consecutive match.

But the celebrations eventually had to finish as the team began preparations for their next match against Airdrie at Broomfield. Plans were also afoot for a special Open Day on May 10 when the loyal fans would have the chance to see behind the scenes at East End Park and meet their heroes in the flesh. Early indications were that it would also be the ideal opportunity to snap up season tickets for the first Premier year.

As the team prepared to take to the field at Airdrie the dressing-room door opened to the





*Provost Mill presents Vice-Chairman Bill Braisby with the Reserve League (East) Championship Trophy for the season 1986-7. Roy Woodrow is on the left with Blair Morgan and Jimmy McConville on the right*

roars and chants of the marvellous travelling support ringing round the Broomfield ground. 'That roar is for you,' Leish told his Lions, 'go for it!'

But sadly two late goals from Airdrie substitute John Flood put a damper on the proceedings and the after-match atmosphere was not helped by the news that Morton had won their game at home against Forfar to leapfrog into top slot by just one point. And the Greenock side's superior goal difference meant that they would have to lose their last match at Airdrie with the Pars winning at Montrose for the title to come to the Fife club.

But sadly that too slipped away from Dunfermline on May 9, 1987. The club would never have had a better opportunity to create a piece of footballing history when Morton went down by the only goal of the game at Airdrie. But although Dunfermline Athletic went down by the same scoreline at Montrose one thing should not be forgotten.

'Failing to lift the title was disappointing,' said manager Jim Leishman, 'but surely winning promotion was an achievement in itself.'

For once Big Leish was understating the situation. Promotion was a tremendous achievement and one which will not be forgotten by anyone connected with Dunfermline Athletic.

Now Leishman's Lions can continue the roaring success story in the top league of Scottish football. And it took them just two years to achieve it!



Dunfermline Athletic players photographed at the end of the 1986-7 season with promotion to the Premier League secured: Back row (from left) – Craig Valentine, Steve Morrison, Ronnie Findlay, Raymond Sharp, Hugh Whyte, Ian Westwater, Grant Reid, Graeme Davidson, Bobby Robertson (captain), Shaun Strang; Middle – Joe Nelson (trainer), Philip Yeates (physio), Rowan Hamilton, John Watson, Ian McCall, Paul Gribbon, Grant Jenkins, Norrie McCathie, Gary Thompson, John Donnelly, John Jobson (coach), Ian Campbell (coach); Front – Willie Irvine, Trevor Smith, Gordon Connelly, Stuart Beedie, Gregor Abel (coach), Jim Leishman (manager), Bobby Forrest, Eric Ferguson, Davie Young

Photo: Dunfermline Press



## The Future

Although the last two results of the 1986–87 season were slightly disappointing for all those with the interest of Dunfermline Athletic at heart they will pale into insignificance compared with the results they can compile in their forthcoming campaign at the highest level of Scottish league football.

A good start will be important as the Athletic seek to consolidate their position in the Premier League. At the end of the coming season three teams will be relegated to the First Division as the top league reverts to only ten teams thereafter (unless further changes take place in the constitution of the game's governing body). It is therefore the club's initial target to finish in at worst ninth slot which many consider will be an outstanding achievement in itself.

The directors, the men who have put their money where their mouths – and hearts – are, recognise the difficult task that lies ahead. They have promised that all will be done to keep the team in the top rung of Scottish football. Money has been made available to strengthen the pool and, perhaps more importantly, bids from other clubs for Pars players have been rejected. It is their intention to build an even better team and this is indeed heartening for all Dunfermline supporters.

But it is not only on the park that changes will be apparent in the future. The stadium itself is being upgraded with the pylon lights, so long a landmark in the town, being replaced by stand-top systems, new boundary walls erected, new turnstiles being installed and more work being carried out on the East End Park playing surface. But this is only the start.

For the past two seasons the Pars' weekly attendance figures have invariably been higher (both home and away) than any other team in the Scottish First and Second Divisions and indeed higher than many of the games played in the Premier League. These gates will be missed by the clubs in the lower divisions but they will equally be welcomed by the teams in the top league!

That excellent story of Dunfermline's halcyon days in the sixties – 'Black and White Magic' by Douglas Scott and Jim Paterson – finished with the following sentiment: 'Now more than ever Dunfermline Athletic seek a taste of those magic years and yet again the services of a magician is already at East End Park and conjuring up a future in which we can all look forward to further glory.' How prophetic! The manager of the Pars when that was written was none other than Jim Leishman.

Whether the new success story can have chapters added concerning future glories in domestic and European competitions only time will tell. But one thing is for certain – Leishman's Lions will be roared on all the way!



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## Board of Directors



*The Dunfermline Directors and team manager Jim Leishman with the Second Division Championship Trophy. (l to r) J. McConville (Hon Secretary), R. Woodrow, J. Leishman, W. Braisby (Vice-Chairman), W. Rennie (Chairman), W. B. F. Morgan, Dr. J. C. Yellowley and J. Watters*

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*

### **William M. Rennie (Chairman)**

Mel joined the club as a director in 1971 and succeeded Jimmy Watters as Vice-Chairman in 1982 when Jimmy became Chairman. On July 28, 1986 he took over as Chairman when ill-health forced Jimmy to reluctantly give up the position. Mel, a supporter of the club for many years, takes his position very seriously and has been quoted as saying, 'I take all things seriously. When I'm given a job to do, I do it to the very best of my ability.'

He is managing-director of the house-building company William Rennie & Co., the boss of Rennie Farms and a director of Landmark Warehouses Ltd.

### **William Braisby (Vice-Chairman)**

Bill became a director of the club in 1981. He had been sponsoring the team, through his company, for three years previously. Took over as Vice-Chairman when Mel Rennie moved up in 1986. He is managing-director of William Braisby Slaters (Fife) Ltd and a partner with his wife and daughter in Lin-lor (Hair & Beauty Salon), Cairneyhill.

### **James McConville (Honorary Secretary)**

Jimmy is the longest-serving director having been appointed to the Board in 1952. It was at the end of the 1953-54 season that he was made Honorary Secretary at a time when it took only £325 per week to run the club. He holds the same position today. A businessman in the village of Kelty Jimmy has travelled all round Scotland with Dunfermline as well as to many parts of Europe and across North America.



### **James Watters**

Jimmy is one of that rare breed of football director who has actually played the game professionally at a high level. He played for Heart of Midlothian FC from 1944 until 1956 before finishing his career with East Fife. A native of Buckhaven who is qualified as an architectural draughtsman, he became a director of East Fife before severing his connections with the Methil club to join the Board at East End Park in 1970.

Jimmy was appointed Vice-Chairman in 1971 and in 1982 he took over as Chairman when Dr John Yellowley stepped down. It was with great reluctance that Jimmy resigned, on the advice of his doctor, as Chairman in 1986 only weeks after seeing the club clinch the Second Division Championship for season 1985/86.

Jimmy is proprietor of the Giacomo Restaurant in Dunfermline with his wife and son.

### **Dr John Yellowley**

John became club physician in 1965 taking over from Dr. Robson who had emigrated to Canada. Two years later at the end of 1967 he was co-opted on to the Board and in 1970 he took over as Vice-Chairman under Leonard Jack. The following year John became Chairman of the club following the sudden death of Mr Jack and went on to hold the position until 1982 during which time he guided the club through some of the most difficult years in its history. The eleven year period is in fact a record for one person to hold the top position at East End Park.

In his younger days John played both cricket and football and, in fact, at the end of his war service in the Navy he turned down an approach from Queen's Park.

John is senior partner in the Dunfermline medical practice in which Hugh Whyte is a partner.

### **C. R. Woodrow**

Roy joined the Board in the early part of 1986, along with Blair Morgan, after following the fortunes of the club since childhood. The appointment of these new Directors coincided with the team's surge to the top of the Second Division and subsequent Championship win with promotion being won to the Premier League one year on and so within eighteen months of joining the club Roy finds himself with the additional responsibilities that such status brings.

He is looking forward to the challenge however and has been deeply involved in organising much of the work required at East End Park.

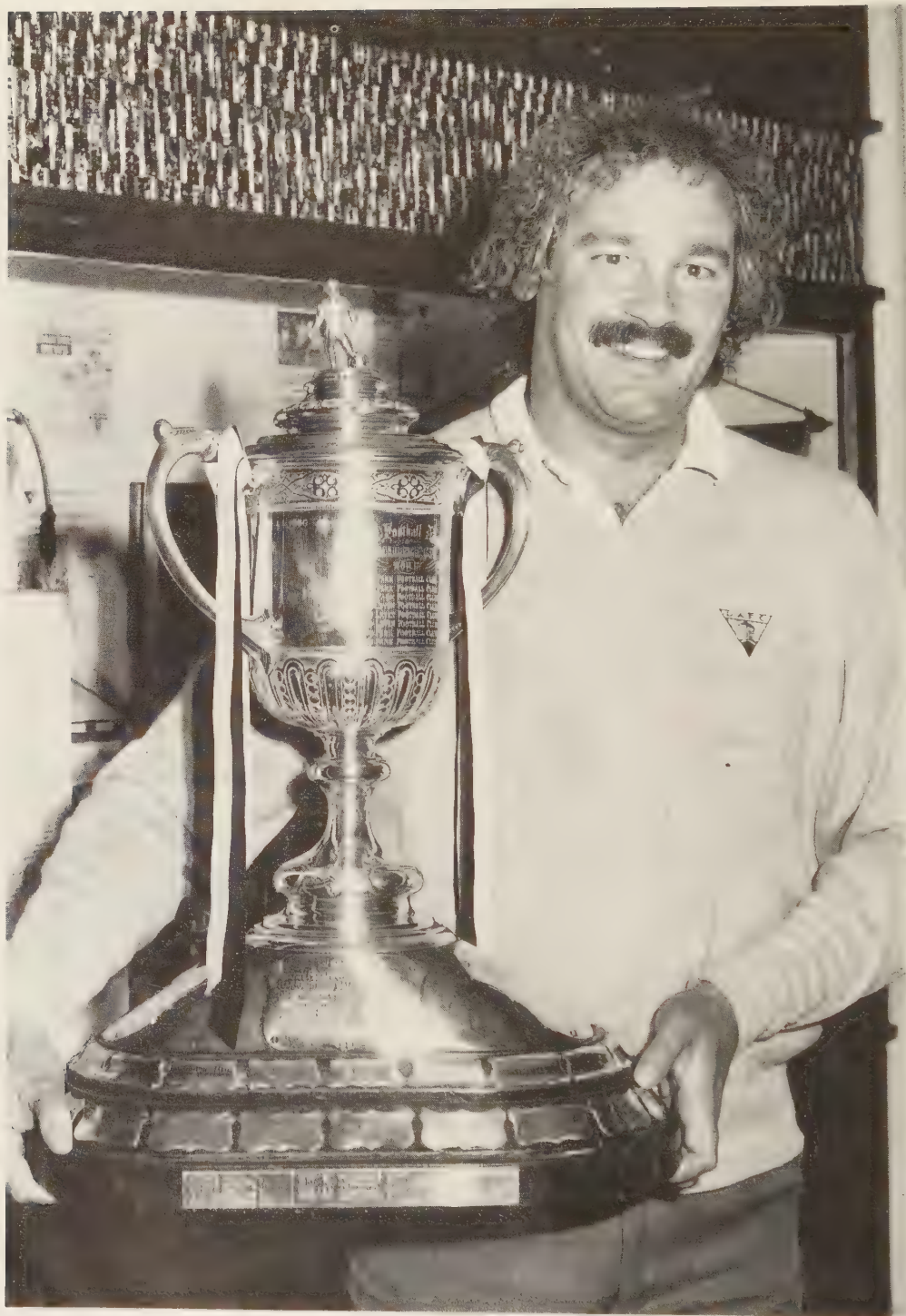
Roy is managing-director of Woodrow's of Dunfermline Ltd (Aerated Water Manufacturers) and this prompted Jim Leishman to say at the time of Roy's appointment that he hoped it would put some fizz into the team!

### **W. B. F. Morgan**

Blair Morgan became a Director of Dunfermline Athletic early in 1986 along with Roy Woodrow. He quickly made his presence felt by having the EastEnders record produced. Blair and his son had written the lyrics for the record. It proved to be an excellent public relations exercise.

Blair had spent several years playing for Dunfermline Rugby Club during which he had a spell as club captain. He played on several occasions for the North & Midlands District XV. He played mainly as wing three-quarter.

Blair is a senior partner in the Dunfermline solicitors firm of Macbeth, Currie & Co.



*Looking back or looking forward? Jim Leishman with the Scottish Cup won twice by the Pars in the 1960's.*  
*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*



## Jim Leishman (Manager)



**Jim Leishman – the player**

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*



**Jim Leishman – the manager**

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

Jim is a West Fife man born and bred. A native of Lochgelly he was educated at the village's South and West Primary Schools and at Beath High School in Cowdenbeath where he was appointed a prefect – an early indication of his leadership capabilities. Jim left school at 17 years-of-age with six 'O' levels and two highers and three days later on June 3 1971 he started as a full-time footballer with Dunfermline Athletic.

The Pars were the team he had always supported. Jim had often walked to East End from his home in Lochgelly to see the top European teams in action during the 1960's. Roy Barry, who captained the team for part of that time, was his boyhood hero.

Jim had been signed as a young player from Dunfermline United by Andy Young when George Farm was the manager. He had played for the Scottish Schoolboys team. The first day as a full-timer was not without its surprises for Jim. He tells of how he walked through the main door that morning with two pairs of freshly cleaned and polished boots under his arm and as he pushed open the home-team dressing-room door Jim says he was 'advised' by the then physiotherapist (Andy Stevenson), 'Get bloody out of here! Get to your own dressing-room. When you are good enough you will get in here!'

'Leish' kept up his connections with his former Scout Troop (33rd Fife, Macainsh Church) in Lochgelly where he was a leader and he also helped with the Woodmill Boys' Club under-14's football team while learning his 'trade' at East End. Jim didn't have long to wait to get into that dressing-room as only a few weeks into the new season he made his debut for the first team against Ayr United. 'Leish' made a total of seven appearances during the 1971-72 season before becoming a regular for the next two seasons. He was a member of the Dunfermline team which won promotion at the end of the 1972-73 season under the guidance of George Miller and went on the club tour of Norway during the subsequent close-season. This was the last occasion, to date, that a Dunfermline side played on European soil. It was in fact the second foreign football trip for Jim as he had travelled to Spain a year earlier when Dunfermline took the place of Charlton Athletic in a tournament at short notice.

Jim was a regular again for the 1973-74 season which saw the Pars retain their Division One status with a dramatic last match victory over Dundee United at Tannadice.

With three full seasons at East End behind him and the experience gained from having made over 80 first team appearances Jim must have been looking forward to a long career as a player as he was still not 21 years old. However, to all intents and purposes, his playing career was finished just a few weeks into the 1974–75 season when he suffered a broken leg whilst playing for the Pars in a League Cup-tie against the Hearts. Indeed he only made one more appearance for Dunfermline – coming on as a substitute against Clyde on February 18, 1976 – before moving to Cowdenbeath in a player-swap deal which saw Bobby Morrison come to East End Park. ‘Leish’ saw this as an opportunity to get regular first team football but he readily admits that the move was his biggest mistake and realised it as such while having a last look round the ground after signing the forms.

Jim played only eleven games for the Central Park side during the 1976–77 season. From there he was reinstated with Glenrothes Juniors. Not surprisingly perhaps, after such a disappointing period in his life, Jim failed to settle and subsequently stopped playing altogether for two years. In an interview for the club programme, towards the end of the 1986–87 season, Jim said that even winning the League Championship would not compensate for his lost career as a player.

‘Leish’ started the long road back to the top when he had a spell with Oakley Juniors. From there he went as manager to Kelty Hearts before going back to Central Park, Cowdenbeath when Andy Rolland asked him to be his assistant. Rolland subsequently resigned and Jim was out of football again.

Pat Stanton, then in charge at East End, came to the rescue when he offered Jim the job as Youth Team Coach at his beloved Dunfermline and that was a move he has never regretted. Jim says he will always be grateful to Pat Stanton for giving him the chance. Pat moved on and his place was taken by Tom Forsyth, the ex-Motherwell, Rangers and Scotland defender, and ‘Leish’ found himself promoted to Reserve Team Coach.

When the Dunfermline team failed to make progress with Forsyth in charge he was sacked and Jim was given the job in a caretaking capacity while the directors decided what to do. Despite a large number of applications being received for the job of manager the board offered it to ‘Leish’ having been impressed by his effort since Tom Forsyth had left. At the age of 29 he found himself in charge of the club which he had followed as a youngster. Jim, the then youngest manager in Scottish league football, said on his appointment, ‘The club can expect honesty, enthusiasm, 100% effort and loyalty from me.’

For a year or so there was a transition period with many changes in the player pool taking place and the one move which was to prove so crucial to future events came in February 1984 when ‘Leish’, some two or three months after taking over, appointed Gregor Abel as first team coach. This was to be, possibly, Leishman’s key appointment.

The following season, 1984–85, Dunfermline were pipped for promotion but Leishman’s team made no mistakes the next two seasons with successive promotion campaigns.

Jim, who must be the most easily recognised man in West Fife with his mustachioed grin regularly featuring on the pages of the local and national press, just can’t relax. He is perpetually on the move and his infectious enthusiasm rubs off on those around him. His wife is a considerable support to Jim and tolerates his almost continual absence although the telephone ringing at all times does stretch her patience apparently.

He has great respect for two other managers in Scottish football. Firstly, Alex Smith of St Mirren and secondly Craig Brown, formerly of Clyde and now Assistant Scottish manager. He admires what they have achieved in the game by hard work and effort. Jim does not like to see talent wasted and hates to think of the young players who have been at East End and who could, and should, have done better if only they had worked harder. The two signings which have pleased Jim most are Ian Westwater and John Watson. ‘Leish’ says of Ian, ‘He is a total professional who works exceptionally hard at the game.’ His biggest regrets as a manager have been letting Jim Bowie and Ian Heddle go.

The best player he has seen, according to the Dunfermline manager is Kenny Dalglish. Jim is impressed by his attitude, his goalscoring flair and his all-round ability. A shining example of a world-class player.

One player that Jim tips for a big future in the game is Andy Williamson who made the breakthrough into the reserves during the 1986–87 season and who will be full-time in Dunfermline’s first season in the Premier League.





*Jim Leishman watched by Chairman Mel Rennie signs the contract making him Dunfermline Athletic's first full-time manager since Harry Melrose in the mid 1970's*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*

When Jim first arrived at East End there were 28 full-timers on the staff and that is what he is aiming for – a full-time set-up in the Premier League when he will, at 33, be the youngest manager.

Jim Leishman deserves success for he is prepared to work hard and if those around him are not motivated by what he says they must be lacking something.

P.S. If the person who stole Jim's heavy coat from his car at Hampden reads this 'Leish' would be pleased to have it returned as soon as possible. He has been at the top of Jim's wanted list for some time!



**Gregor Abel**

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*

### **Gregor Abel**

Gregor's senior football career started with his hometown team of Falkirk who signed him, as a schoolboy internationalist, in 1966. He was a member of the Bairns side which won the Second Division Championship title (old style) for the 1969-70 season and played at right-back in that team alongside Alex Ferguson and Andy Roxburgh.

Gregor moved to Kilbowie Park in 1972 and for seven and a half seasons played for Clydebank. He won a Championship medal for the new style Second Division title (1975-76 season) and a year later he was playing in the Premier League when the Bankies finished in second place in the First Division – a feat repeated by the Pars in the 1985-86 and 1986-87 seasons with Gregor as coach. It was at Clydebank that he saw the player he considers the best he has played with – Davie Cooper.

Halfway through the 1979-80 season he was transferred to Alloa Athletic where shortly afterwards he was made player/coach. Gregor played his last game for Alloa on October 4 1980 but carried on as coach and helped his new club to win promotion to the First Division. He made a total of 402 appearances for his three senior clubs.

When Alex Totten, the Alloa manager, moved to Falkirk in 1982 Gregor went with him as his assistant and after Totten went on to Rangers Gregor moved into the manager's chair at Brockville. Things didn't work out however as Gregor's strength is his coaching ability and there was too much to do on the administrative side. He left Brockville after four months.

Jim Leishman asked him to come to East End and this he did taking up the position of first team coach in February 1984. Since then 'Leish' and Gregor have developed into a successful double act and taken Dunfermline back to the top of Scottish football.

Gregor, who is the SFA Regional coach for Central Region (with whom he is employed as a head teacher of Physical Education), works out the tactics with Jim after the manager has picked the team. Gregor is happiest working with the players but is a quiet individual who does not blow his own trumpet. It is worth noting that he has been involved with teams on six different occasions when promotion has been won.

Gregor is on record as having said that the time he has had at Dunfermline has been the happiest of his football career. He says that there is a great family atmosphere at East End.





**Philip Yeates and John Jobson**

*Photos: Dunfermline Press*

### **Philip Yeates**

Philip, or 'Pip' as he is known, joined Dunfermline as physiotherapist in 1982 to replace Jimmy Stevenson who had left the club after many years of faithful service. Philip had been playing rugby football at McKane Park for Dunfermline Rugby Club but quickly settled in at East End Park.

He used to come along to watch Dunfermline as a youngster and his hero, in those days, was Alex Edwards. It was the present-day chairman, Mel Rennie, who brought Philip to East End and they stood together on the terracing watching the great teams of the 1960's.

'Pip' is a partner in a physiotherapy practice which has clinics in both Edinburgh and London and it is not uncommon for him to be treating stars of stage and screen. In fact, much of the work in London is linked with Pinewood and Elstree Studios. Philip should certainly not be overawed by the so-called stars of the Premier League!

Although his is a part-time appointment the players can go to Edinburgh at any time for treatment from 'Pip' and the facilities available are second to none.

Philip also makes himself available to treat local athletes and other sportsmen at East End if they have sought treatment.

'Pip' was highly delighted to be selected to be part of the support team for the Scottish squad which took part in the Four Nations Semi-Professional tournament held in Fife in May, 1987.

### **John Jobson**

John is Dunfermline's Reserve Team coach and during the 1986-87 season, which saw the Pars' second string win the Scottish Reserve League (East) championship title, he was given a relatively free hand by Jim Leishman with regard to most of the decisions about the team.

John's own playing career was tragically cut short in December 1983 when, at the age of twenty-six, he suffered a complicated leg fracture. He had scored a total of 69 goals whilst making 219 appearances in a career in which he played for six different clubs - Raith Rovers, Cowdenbeath, Berwick Rangers, Meadowbank Thistle, Falkirk and finally Alloa Athletic.

Raith Rovers and Berwick Rangers were promoted from the Second to the First Division in his time with them but it was with Meadowbank that John had his most successful spell. During his three seasons with the Edinburgh side, between 1979 and 1982, John made 137 appearances and scored 59 goals. Whilst with Berwick Rangers John was credited with scoring a hat-trick in only six minutes. He had come on as a substitute at half-time with his team trailing 1-0 but with John's rapid goal-scoring Berwick won the match 5-1.

After John was released by Alloa in the summer of 1984 he had a spell helping a friend run a juvenile team in Kelty before he was asked along to East End to help with the young players. When Andy Young left in 1985 John took over the reserves.

John admits to being a schoolboy at heart and says it still hurts not being able to play as he is still only thirty years of age. John has ambitions to hold a full-time post in football.

**Joe Nelson***Photo: Dunfermline Press***Joe Nelson**

Joe spent his playing career in the Fife Junior League with Lochore Welfare and Newburgh. At the end of one season with the Welfare only he and the goalkeeper were left – the rest of the players had been signed and called up by senior clubs. One of those players was Arthur Mann who went on to play for Hearts and Manchester City. Several players in fact came to East End in those days from Lochore – George Moran, Mike Judge, George McGaughey and Tom Callaghan to name but a few. Joe played twice for the Scottish Miners team – against Nottingham and Hungary – as well as achieving considerable success in Fife Junior football. He also played in the semi-final of the Scottish Junior Cup.

It was in the sixties that Joe first helped out at East End when Andy Young was in charge of the youth set-up. One of the pool of young players at that time was none other than Jim Leishman! After a gap of several years he was back at East End when Harry Melrose and Andy Rolland were in charge. Joe helped the late Ian Hall with the coaching by doing the 'leg work'.

In the present set-up at East End Park Joe's main duties are with the reserves where he helps John Jobson take care of the youngsters and the first team fringe players. He also looks after the kit for both teams and takes over treating injuries during a game when physiotherapist 'Pip' Yeates is not available.

Joe is one of those on the staff who have been through the lean years and is therefore more pleased than most at the change in the fortunes of Dunfermline Athletic.

**Bobby Wilson**

Bobby joined Dunfermline as chief scout in the early part of 1986 after losing his job as manager of Raith Rovers. He co-ordinates the scouting activities and also coaches the youth team. In addition Bobby has the job of watching the following week's opposition 'and putting in a report to Jim Leishman and Gregor Abel.

Bobby's own career started with Fife junior side Dundonald Bluebell in 1959. Although Dunfermline had him on trial he subsequently signed for Cowdenbeath and played in their team at left-half. Bobby later moved to Dundee where he made over 400 first team appearances before leaving, after ten years, in 1976.

Bobby's first experience of football management came in the Highland League with Lossiemouth before he moved to Keith where he enjoyed considerable success. Bobby took over the manager's chair at Stark's Park in 1983.

He is of the opinion that a young player's lifestyle – they must have the right attitude and character – is just as important as the other requirements – ability, posture, and hopefully two good feet.





**Karen Grega**

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*

### **Karen Grega (Commercial Consultant)**

Australian-born Karen, who has a Scots mother and a Czechoslovak father, was appointed Dunfermline Athletic's commercial consultant in November 1986. She proceeded to turn around the fortunes of the fund-raising activities of the club with refreshing enthusiasm.

Karen has been a football fanatic since seeing her first game at the age of fifteen in her home city of Brisbane. She found herself a women's football team and subsequently qualified as a Grade C referee. Karen started work as a full-time club administrator eventually becoming a marketing and promotion manager for the sport. She also had a spell as a football journalist which afforded her further recognition in her home country.

Karen has travelled widely in Britain, the USA and Europe tracing her family background and has made a point of visiting football clubs and sports organisations on her journeys gathering information to further her career.

She is looking forward to Dunfermline playing in the Premier League as it will present fresh challenges and more opportunities to promote Dunfermline Athletic Football Club. She says, 'I am lucky to be working for such a forward-looking club as Dunfermline. The board team is as good as that on the field.'



Bobby Robertson

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



## Bobby Robertson

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 February 1939

BIRTH PLACE: Leslie

HEIGHT: 5 ft 10 ins

WEIGHT: 11 st 10 lbs

POSITION: Fullback

PREVIOUS CLUB: Kirkcaldy YMCA

SIGNED FOR PARS: 22 July 1977 ('S' form signing January 1974)

DEBUT FOR PARS: v East Fife, 20 August 1977 (Fife Cup)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Meadowbank Thistle, 22 October 1977 (League)

Bobby Robertson's connections with Dunfermline go back to 1974 when George Miller signed him on 'S' forms for the club he had always supported. He played with the juvenile team Leven Royals before signing provisionally for Dunfermline who farmed him out to Kirkcaldy YMCA and was called up in 1977. Since then Bobby, who has captained the team in their two successive promotion winning seasons, has played almost 400 league and cup matches for the first team. He is not far short of breaking Kenny Thomson's club record of 348 league appearances and at only 28 Bobby must stand a chance of passing that figure in the coming season.

Incidentally, between September 9, 1978 and February 10, 1982 he played 154 consecutive league and cup matches.

Although now settled at right-back it is interesting to note that he has worn eight different jerseys in his time at East End Park. Bobby's loyalty has never been in question and he has been proud to lead the team back to the

very top of Scottish football. He has combined a successful sporting career with a successful professional career for he is a general medical practitioner. His football has had to take second place at times but Bobby has devoted much of his spare time to keeping fit when he has been unable to attend the regular training sessions at East End because of work commitments.

Bobby has shown that it is possible to have a dual career and has given the best possible answer to the former manager who stated, 'Ye'll never make a footballer. Y'r brains are all in y'r heid!'

He has played alongside many players in his time at East End but singles out Bonar Mercer as the best full-back partner he has had - Bobby admired his total commitment and the 100% effort he put into every game.

Bobby feels he learned a lot from Walter Borthwick who played for Dunfermline before moving on to a coaching job with Heart of Midlothian.

	League		Skot Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1977-78	28(3)	3	5(2)	-	2	-	35(4)	3
1978-79	37	1	1(1)	-	6	-	44(1)	1
1979-80	39	2	2	1	2	-	43	3
1980-81	39	-	2	-	2	-	43	-
1981-82	38	-	6	-	1	-	45	-
1982-83	33	-	2(1)	-	2	-	37(1)	-
1983-84	22(1)	1	1	-	-	-	23(1)	1
1984-85	39	-	2	-	1	-	42	-
1985-86	27(1)	-	2	-	3	-	32(1)	-
1986-87	31	-	1	-	1	-	33	-
	333(5)	7	24(3)	1	20	-	377(8)	8

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



*You can almost feel the tension in this photograph! Gregor Abel and 'Leish' go to work on the players before a vital match during the successful 1986-7 First Division campaign.*



Willie Irvine

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



Willie Irvine

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 December 1963  
BIRTH PLACE: Stirling  
HEIGHT: 5 ft 10 ins  
WEIGHT: 11 st 0 lbs  
POSITION: Striker  
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Stirling Albion and Hibernian  
SIGNED FOR PARS: 27 March 1987  
DEBUT FOR PARS: v East Fife, 28 March 1987 (League)  
FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: as above

Willie signed for his hometown team, Stirling Albion, in 1982 from Dunipace Juveniles when he was 21-years-old. He worked himself up through the ranks within the club and established himself in the first team after his first season at Annfield.

In his four seasons with the Albion Willie played 123 league and cup games scoring 61 goals in the process. 1984-85 was a particularly good season for him and indeed Willie finished the Second Division's top scorer. Dunfermline and Stirling Albion were in the same league at the time and the Pars were quite often made to suffer by Willie's lethal goalscoring touch.

At the end of the 1985-86 season Hibs paid a substantial fee for his services and Willie found himself in the Premier League with the Easter Road side. The move did not prove satisfactory for the man from Stirling however with his appearances being fairly limited and Willie was pleased to move to East End when Jim Leishman moved for his transfer. A £15,000 fee was paid to Hibernian and Willie made a scoring debut for the Pars against East Fife at Methil when he converted a penalty kick.

It was Willie who scored the all-important goal against Queen of the South which clinched his new team's place in the Premier League and he is looking forward to playing again in the top grade of Scottish League football.

	League		Skot Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Stirling Albion:</b>								
1982-83	10(1)	2	-	-	-	-	10(1)	2
1983-84	26(2)	12	2	1	5	-	33(2)	13
1984-85	35(3)	21	0(2)	-	2	5	37(5)	26
1985-86	29(1)	17	2	1	3	2	34(1)	20
<b>With Hibernian:</b>								
1986-87	5(6)	2	0(2)	-	0(1)	-	5(9)	2
<b>With Dunfermline</b>								
1986-87	6(1)	2	-	-	-	-	6(1)	2
	111(14)	56	4(4)	2	10(1)	7	125(19)	65

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.

Grant Jenkins

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 April 1958  
BIRTH PLACE: Dundee  
HEIGHT: 5 ft 11 ins  
WEIGHT: 11 st 7 lbs  
POSITION: Midfield or striker  
PREVIOUS CLUB: Jeanfield Swifts  
SIGNED FOR PARS: 19 February 1981  
DEBUT FOR PARS: v Hibernian, 28 February 1981 (League)  
FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Motherwell, 28 March 1981 (League)

Grant, who has been at East End for just over six years, can look back on passing two milestones during the 1986-87 season. Firstly he made his 200th appearance for Dunfermline (his only senior club) on November 1 against Kilmarnock and then he scored his 50th goal for the Pars against East Fife on New Year's Day 1987.

Grant's career started with Crieff Earngrove as a 16 year old and he stayed with them for six years before signing for Jeanfield Swifts. His prolific goalscoring for the Swifts attracted attention just when he thought he was too old to get a crack at the senior grade and he was recommended to the then Dunfermline manager Pat Stanton.

Terms were offered after a trial and he made his debut only nine days after signing on. A regular team spot has usually been found for Grant during his time with the Pars although an ordering off at the end of 1986 at Berwick (his first red card in senior football) appeared to affect his form and he lost his place in the team for a time.

At the start of the 1986-87 season Grant appeared to be on the verge of moving on as he felt that the new signings were likely to keep him out of the first team. He had a change of heart however and has played his part in what has been an exciting season for all connected with Dunfermline Athletic.

	League		Skot Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1980-81	9(2)	2	-	-	-	-	9(2)	2
1981-82	31(4)	7	3(1)	-	1	-	35(5)	7
1982-83	21(1)	3	5	-	2	2	28(1)	5
1983-84	26(3)	6	-	-	-	-	26(3)	6
1984-85	25(8)	9	2	2	1	-	28(8)	11
1985-86	23(14)	14	0(2)	1	2	-	25(16)	15
1986-87	28(12)	6	-	-	1	-	29(12)	6
	163(44)	47	10(3)	3	7	2	180(47)	52

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



Grant Jenkins

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



## Ian Campbell

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 November 1953

BIRTH PLACE: Dunfermline

HEIGHT: 5 ft 10½ ins

WEIGHT: 11 st 6 lbs

POSITION: Forward

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Dunfermline Athletic,  
Arbroath, Cowdenbeath, Brechin City

SIGNED FOR PARS: March 1985 (second time)

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Stranraer, 3 April 1985  
(League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: as above

Ian, who works as a Staff Development manager with national double glazing company C. R. Smith, first joined Dunfermline Athletic from Lochore Welfare in 1973. The Pars had just been promoted to the old-style First Division and amongst many young players at that time was a defender by the name of Jim Leishman.

After two years or so at East End 'Pink' was given a free transfer at the time that the club was reverting to a part-time basis. After relatively short periods with Arbroath and Cowdenbeath he signed for Brechin City in 1977. His move to the unfashionable Angus side coincided with the most successful period in the club's history and culminated in Brechin winning the Second Division Championship title in 1983.

Ian returned to East End in March 1985 and played an important role in the Athletic's Championship winning side the following season. He had the honour of scoring the Pars' 100th league and cup goal during that season. Coincidentally he had also scored the first goal.

During the first half of the season just completed Ian spent a month on loan with Montrose when unable to hold down a regular first team spot with Dunfermline but a permanent deal did not follow and he returned to East End where shortly afterwards he was given a position in Jim Leishman's coaching team.

Having spent 6 years as a PE teacher with youngsters and gained experience in dealing with staff at C. R. Smith's Ian felt capable of imparting his football knowledge to others. He had long been recognised as a 'model professional' by different managers. Ian himself feels that honesty, loyalty and integrity are important aspects of being a professional footballer.

In his 14 seasons at senior level Ian Campbell has made almost 500 appearances for 5 different clubs and in the process has scored over 170 goals. 'Pink' says he feels quite capable of playing on for a few more seasons.



Ian Campbell

Photo: Dunfermline Press

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1973-74	27(2)	7	4(1)	-	3	1	34(3)	8
1974-75	8(7)	4	6	1	-	-	14(7)	5
<b>With Arbroath:</b>								
1975-76	0(1)	-	2(2)	-	-	-	2(3)	-
<b>With Cowdenbeath:</b>								
1976-77	19(9)	3	5	-	1	-	25(9)	3
<b>With Brechin City:</b>								
1977-78	27(7)	6	2	-	3	-	32(7)	6
1978-79	38(1)	16	2	-	1	-	41(1)	16
1979-80	36	25	2	-	5	2	43	27
1980-81	32(2)	11	2	1	3	1	37(2)	13
1981-82	34(2)	16	7(1)	3	2	2	43(3)	21
1982-83	39	24	4(1)	1	2	2	45(1)	27
1983-84	37	19	2	-	2	-	41	19
1984-85	23(4)	8	2	2	0(2)	-	25(6)	10
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1984-85	5(3)	1	-	-	-	-	5(3)	1
1985-86	24(9)	15	2	3	1(1)	-	27(10)	18
1986-87	2(7)	-	0(1)	-	-	-	2(8)	-
<b>With Montrose (on loan):</b>								
1986-87	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
	355(54)	155	42(6)	11	23(3)	8	420(63)	174

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.

## Rowan Hamilton

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 December 1964

BIRTH PLACE: Ballingry

HEIGHT: 5 ft 9 ins

WEIGHT: 11 st 12 lbs

POSITION: Full-back or Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUB: Dundee

SIGNED FOR PARS: May 1984

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Stranraer, 11 August 1984 (League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Stranraer, 5 October 1985 (League)

Twenty-two-year-old Rowan Hamilton was born only a few miles from East End Park but it was from Dundee that Jim Leishman signed him at the end of the 1984-85 season. Rowan's career started as a 13-year-old with Hill of Beath Swifts and he stayed with them until he was sixteen. He declined to sign for several local clubs but decided instead to sign 'S' forms with the Dens Parkers. Halfway through his fifth year at High School he signed full-time for Dundee but in three and a half years he didn't appear once in the first team.

When he signed for Dunfermline it was a case of joining up with players like Hugh Whyte and Jim Bowie whom he had watched ten years earlier when he stood on the terraces at East End. Rowan has made over 80 appearances for the Pars and looks back on the Skol Cup match with Celtic in 1984 as one of his most memorable matches. He has not scored too many goals but his favourite is the one he put away against Albion Rovers at Broomfield in the 1985-86 season when he chipped the ball over their advancing goalkeeper after playing a one-two with Ian Heddle.

Rowan is one of several players at East End who credits John Jobson with helping his career and he has indicated a desire to play full-time football with Dunfermline.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1984-85	25(4)	-	2	-	1	-	28(4)	-
1985-86	32	5	-	-	2	-	34	5
1986-87	14(3)	2	-	-	1	-	15(3)	2
	71(7)	7	2	-	4	-	77(7)	7

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.

## Ian Heddle

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 March 1963

BIRTH PLACE: Dunfermline

HEIGHT: 5 ft 10 ins

WEIGHT: 11 st 0 lbs

POSITION: Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUB: Dunfermline Railway Club

SIGNED FOR PARS: October 1983

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Forfar Athletic, 9 January 1984 (Scottish Cup)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Queen of the South, 27 April 1985 (League)

Ian's career started at East End Park as a ballboy when he was less than 10 years old. Jim Leishman was in his heyday at the time! He played his early football with Hill of Beath under 16's and then Inverkeithing under 18's before playing juvenile with Dunfermline Railway Club.

In October 1983 Ian was signed after playing a trial for the Reserves against Falkirk and in fact he was Jim Leishman's first signing when he became manager.

After playing a handful of games in his first two seasons at East End he became more-or-less a regular in the Second Division Championship winning team of 1985-86. At the beginning of that season Ian scored the only goal of the game when the Pars took on Aberdeen in the East Enders' Centenary Match and he looks back on that goal as his most memorable, particularly as it was scored against Scotland goalkeeper Jim Leighton.

Halfway through the 1986-87 season Ian took advantage of a move to St Johnstone and so he was not to play a major role in the Athletic's march to their second successive promotion success and therefore it seems unlikely that he will achieve his ambition of playing for his first footballing love in the Premier League.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1983-84	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
1984-85	3	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
1985-86	25	3	2	-	3	2	30	5
1986-87	10	2	-	-	-	-	10	2
	39	6	2	-	4	2	45	8





**Rowan Hamilton**

*Photo: Dunfermline Press*



**Ian Heddle**

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*



*A group of players photographed during a break in training towards the end of 1984*

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*



Gary Thompson

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



## Gary Thompson

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 June 1956

BIRTH PLACE: Glasgow

HEIGHT: 5 ft 6 ins

WEIGHT: 11 st 6 lbs

POSITION: Fullback or Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Morton, Falkirk, Alloa Athletic

SIGNED FOR PARS: April 1986

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Meadowbank, 8 April 1986 (League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Albion Rovers, 12 April 1986 (League)

Glasgowborn Gary's footballing career started with Benburb Juniors and it was from there that he signed for his first senior side, Morton, in 1977. However, after one season in which he made only one appearance for them as a substitute, he moved on to Falkirk. Gary spent five seasons with the Brockville side and won a Second Division Championship medal during that time. John Binnie influenced Gary a great deal in his time with the Bairns. With Falkirk Gary played either in midfield or in the forward line but following a player-swap transfer to Alloa Athletic he found himself playing his football at full-back.

The three years spent at Alloa's Recreation Park saw more success for Gary with yet another promotion winning season in 1984-85 when the 'Wasps' pipped Dunfermline for second place in the Second Division. The following season was not so happy however and with his team anchored in the basement zone of the First Division Gary jumped at the chance to move to East End Park when a £5000 bid was accepted.

After serving a period of suspension imposed before the signing he made his debut in the disastrous game at Meadowbank.

During the Pars brief but highly successful stay in the First Division Gary was a regular member of the team and it was quite a remarkable season for him in that he pulled on seven different numbered jerseys – eight if his one reserve appearance is counted. The numbers missing? – 1,3,4,5 and 12.

	League		Skot Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Morton:</b>								
1977-78	0(1)	–	–	–	–	–	0(1)	–
<b>With Falkirk:</b>								
1978-79	10(7)	6	0(2)	–	0(3)	–	10(12)	6
1979-80	17(3)	7	–	–	1	–	18(3)	7
1980-81	14(5)	2	1	–	0(1)	–	15(6)	2
1981-82	9(13)	2	6	–	1	–	16(13)	2
1982-83	18(4)	1	4(1)	–	–	–	22(5)	1
<b>With Alloa:</b>								
1983-84	26(5)	1	5(2)	2	1	–	32(7)	3
1984-85	33	4	1	–	2	–	36	4
1985-86	21	2	–	–	2	–	23	2
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1985-86	8	2	–	–	–	–	8	2
1986-87	38(3)	–	1	–	–	–	39(3)	–
	194(41)	27	18(5)	2	7(4)	–	219(50)	29

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



Gordon Connelly

Photo: Dunfermline Press

## Gordon Connelly

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 September 1967

BIRTH PLACE: Stirling

HEIGHT: 5 ft 5 ins

WEIGHT: 9 st 7 lbs

POSITION: Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUB: Burnley

SIGNED FOR PARS: 1985

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Stenhousemuir, 12 March 1986 (League)

Gordon, a native of Stirling, signed professional terms with Burnley on leaving school. After only one season at Turf Moor he was freed without having played for the 'Clarets' first team and signed for Dunfermline.

Progress has been steady at East End for Gordon who made his first team debut for the Pars at Stenhousemuir in a league match on March 12 1986. He finished joint top scorer in the 1985-86 season for the reserve side with seven goals – not bad for a midfielder. Gordon carried on being a regular for the reserves during the 1986-87 season and at the end of it won a medal for being a member of the Athletic side which won the Scottish Reserve League (East) title.

Gordon played several games in the first team during Dunfermline's brief but highly successful stay in the First Division in the 1986-87 season and was one of the first players to accept a full-time contract when these were offered by the club.

	League		Skot Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1985-86	1	–	–	–	–	–	1	–
1986-87	5(1)	–	–	–	–	–	5(1)	–
	6(1)	–	–	5	–	–	–	–

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.

## Grant Reid

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 February 1964

BIRTH PLACE: Glasgow

HEIGHT: 6 ft 1 in

WEIGHT: 12 st 7 lbs

POSITION: Defender

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Norwich City, Morton, Stenhousemuir

SIGNED FOR PARS: July 1986

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Cowdenbeath, 30 July 1986 (Fife Cup)

Grant's career started as an amateur with Possilpark YMCA. For a time it looked as if he would end up with Rangers (he played alongside Eric Ferguson at one stage in the Croix French Youth Tournament) but the Glasgow side did not pursue the matter. On leaving school in 1981 Grant signed for Norwich City. A fond memory of his subsequent two years at Carrow Road is scoring for the City reserves against Arsenal Reserves who had Pat Jennings in goal. At Norwich he credits Dave Watson (centre-half) and Joe Royle (centre-forward) with helping his career.

The next stop for Grant was Morton but he was only there a year before being freed when the Greenock side was relegated. He did not play in the first team during that time. Grant was recommended to Stenhousemuir and he spent three happy years at Ochilview. He was pleased to come to Dunfermline in July 1986 when terms were offered and for a fee of £10,000 Grant was one of several signings made by Jim Leishman as the Athletic bid for glory in the First Division. After playing in the first thirteen league matches Grant suffered a broken nose and with subsequent complications Grant lost the number 5 spot in the first team to the previous centre-half Dave Young and so well did he do Grant was unable to claim the jersey back although he did play at full back.

Like many other players Grant has found his father to be the biggest influence on his career. Distance has been no object for father to watch son – even when Grant played in England.

He realises he will have to work hard to get his first team spot back but Grant is determined to do that and help establish Dunfermline in the Premier League. He considers his present club to be one of the biggest in the country.

Although a popular player at East End Grant takes some stick for his other job is a tax collector with the Inland Revenue!



Grant Reid

Photo: Dunfermline Press

	League		Skot Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Stenhousemuir:</b>								
1983-84	28(3)	–	2	1	1	–	31(3)	1
1984-85	28(3)	1	0(1)	–	2	–	30(4)	1
1985-86	23	2	–	–	3	–	26	2
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1986-87	16	–	1	–	0(1)	–	17(1)	4
	95(6)	3	3(1)	1	6(1)	–	104(8)	4

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



## Jim Bowie

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 February 1957

BIRTH PLACE: Edinburgh

HEIGHT: 5 ft 8 ins

WEIGHT: 11 st 0 lbs

POSITION: Midfield or Winger

PREVIOUS CLUB: Pumpherston Juniors

SIGNED FOR PARS: 22 September 1976

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Clyde, 22 September 1976  
(League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Morton, 18 October 1976

Jim, who was transferred to St Johnstone on Wednesday, March 25, 1987, will go on record as having been tremendously popular with East End fans. His popularity was on a par with the likes of Charlie Dickson, Roy Barry, John Lunn and Kenny Thomson.

'Ziggy's' career started with Melbourne Thistle Juniors and whilst with the Edinburgh side Meadowbank Thistle were credited with an interest in him. He subsequently moved to Pumpherston Juniors and played trials with Raith Rovers. When he arrived at East End on the evening of September 22 1976 Jim thought he was due to play a trial for the Pars but he was amazed to find himself in the league team facing Clyde. After a good performance, in a 4-0 victory, he was signed by Harry Melrose, Pars' manager at that time.

'Ziggy' went on to make a total of 227 appearances in league and cup competitions. The only reason it wasn't more was as much to do with injury and illness as loss of form. His was a name looked for when teams were announced and the various managers in his 10½ years at East End were often criticised for omitting him or substituting him.

Jim, who has made a career in the fire service, was a gentleman on the park and referees seldom had cause for complaint about his actions or 'attitude. One incident during the 1985-86 season showed just what kind of character he is. In a vital top of the table match with Queen of the South Jim stopped a promising Dunfermline attack to bring the referee's attention to one of the Queens' players who had collapsed. His actions were praised by all, especially the then Dumfries manager Nobby Clark.

'Ziggy' made his last appearance for Dunfermline as a substitute against Morton on October 18 1986 - ten years to the day that he scored his first goal for the Pars. The opposition in 1976? None other than Morton!



Jim Bowie

Photo: Dunfermline Press

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1976-77	21(1)	1	-	-	1	-	22(1)	1
1977-78	18(2)	2	4	-	0(1)	-	22(3)	2
1978-79	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
1979-80	25(1)	1	-	-	0(1)	-	25(2)	1
1980-81	15	1	2	-	-	-	17	1
1981-82	13(2)	2	3	1	-	-	16(2)	3
1982-83	19(3)	-	4(1)	-	2	-	25(4)	-
1983-84	5(7)	2	2	-	-	-	7(7)	2
1984-85	22(7)	1	1	-	1	-	24(7)	1
1985-86	21(9)	2	1(1)	-	2	-	24(10)	2
1986-87	4(4)	-	-	-	-	-	4(4)	-
	163(36)	12	18(2)	1	6(2)	-	187(40)	13

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used

## Ian Westwater

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 November 1963

BIRTH PLACE: Loughborough

HEIGHT: 6 ft 2 ins

WEIGHT: 13 st 0 lbs

POSITION: Goalkeeper

PREVIOUS CLUB: Heart of Midlothian

SIGNED FOR PARS: 27 March 1985

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Stranraer, 3 April 1985 (League)

Ian's early football was with Salvesen Boys Club in Edinburgh and it was from there that he signed for Heart of Midlothian. He has always wanted to be a goalkeeper – perhaps influenced by the fact that his father played in goals for Queen of the South and Arbroath.

While with Hearts Ian played only a few games in their first team but he did become the youngest ever keeper, at sixteen years of age, to play in the Premier League. Ian was selected for Scottish Schoolboys at under 15, under 16 and under 18 levels and also for the Scottish Professional under 17 and under 18 squads. He was a member of the Scottish Professional Youth Squad which won the European Championships.

At a time when he thought he might establish himself in the Edinburgh side's first team Ian suffered a ligament injury whilst playing for the Scottish youths against Brazil. He was out of football for ten months as a consequence.

When he returned to action Ian was unable to get into the first team and was pleased to move to Dunfermline in a £4000 deal. He grasped the chance of first team football with both hands (as any good goalkeeper would do) and he has missed very few games since signing. Those he has missed have been due to injuries. Ian is a popular player with the fans at East End, due in no small way to his having an almost 50% shut-out record. He is well known for his vocal encouragement of team-mates – something he attributes to having attended a course run by former English international goalkeeper Peter Bonetti.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	S.O.	A.	S.O.	A.	S.O.	A.	S.O.
<b>With Hearts:</b>								
1980–81	2	0	–	–	–	–	2	0
1983–84	–	–	2	1	–	–	2	1
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1984–85	8	5	–	–	–	–	8	5
1985–86	38	17	2	1	3	2	43	20
1986–87	42	18	1	0	1	0	44	18
	90	40	5	2	4	2	99	44

## Hugh Whyte

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 July 1955

BIRTH PLACE: Kilmarnock

HEIGHT: 6 ft 1 in

WEIGHT: 12 st 12 lbs

POSITION: Goalkeeper

PREVIOUS CLUB: Hibernian

SIGNED FOR PARS: 1976

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Queen of the South, 14 August 1976

Hugh was signed by Dunfermline on a free transfer from Hibernian in 1976 in an attempt to solve a goalkeeping problem which had troubled the Pars during the previous season. Hugh was pleased with the move as he was studying at Edinburgh University from where he eventually went on to qualify as a doctor.

During his first five seasons Hugh missed only one match. If he had not missed that game on September 13 1978 he would hold the club record for consecutive appearances which is held instead by Kenny Thomson (Kenny's record incidentally stands at 227).

Due to work commitments Hugh had to miss several games during the 1981–82 and 1982–83 seasons but he was the man in possession again in 1983–84 and indeed he only missed one match the following season until Ian Westwater was signed in March 1985. Hugh had the honour of captaining the Dunfermline team for a spell.

Since March 1985 Hugh's appearances in the first team have been rare and his football has been mainly restricted to the reserves. He was a member of the team which won the Reserve League (East) title in 1986/87 – Hugh's first senior medal after many years of trying.

'Shuggie' has the distinction of having played on every senior league ground in Scotland bar one – St Mirren Park, Paisley. It looked for a while as if he would also miss out on playing at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock (his home town team) but he made it when the Pars were drawn against the Ayrshire team in the League Cup. It was not a happy night however – Hugh was 'booked' for the only time in his career!

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	S.O.	A.	S.O.	A.	S.O.	A.	S.O.
<b>With Hibernian:</b>								
1974–75	4	0	–	–	1	0	5	0
1975–76	1	0	–	–	–	–	1	0
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1976–77	39	18	6	2	1	0	46	20
1977–78	39	14	6	2	3	2	48	18
1978–79	38	10	2	0	6	1	46	11
1979–80	39	11	2	1	2	1	43	13
1980–81	39	5	2	1	2	0	43	6
1981–82	19	10	5	1	–	–	24	11
1982–83	27	6	5	1	2	1	34	8
1983–84	39	10	2	0	2	1	43	11
1984–85	30	16	2	1	1	0	33	17
1985–86	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
1986–87	2	1	–	–	–	–	2	1
	316	101	32	9	20	6	368	116





Ian Westwater and Hugh Whyte



*Photos: Dunfermline Press*



*Youngsters line-up to try and beat Hugh Whyte during the open day at East End Park on 10 May 1987*

## John Watson

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 February 1959

BIRTH PLACE: Edinburgh

HEIGHT: 6 ft 0 ins

WEIGHT: 12 st 6 lbs

POSITION: Striker

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Meadowbank Thistle, Hong Kong Rangers

SIGNED FOR PARS: 1983

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Forfar Athletic, 17 December 1983 (League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Forfar Athletic, 9 April 1984 (League)

Twenty-eight-year-old John Watson's career in Scottish football did not really start until 1983 when he arrived at East End from Hong Kong Rangers. John had played no football at all between the ages of 16 and 19 preferring to follow the fortunes of his then favourite team (Hibernian) instead.

His first taste of organised football was with a team playing in the 7th Division of the Edinburgh Amateur League. John played in goal for a full season with them!

In 1980 Willie McFarlane, who was in charge of Meadowbank Thistle at the time, gave John several games but, unable to get a regular place, he moved back to the amateur league.

It was Willie McFarlane who again got John out of the amateur league in the capital some time later when he organised a move to Hong Kong Rangers. It was from the Far East that Jim Leishman signed him for the princely sum of £300 in 1983. John quickly started scoring in the reserve side but it took him some 17 outings before the first goal was scored for the league team.

The goals started to flow with a vengeance however at the start of the 1984-85 season and he won the inaugural Scottish Brewers' 'Player of the Month' award for August 1984. The goals dried up in the second half of that season however and Dunfermline's promotion dreams

faded. The 1985-86 campaign was full of goals however with John scoring a total of 31 in all official competitions. It was an achievement which earned him the *Daily Record's* Golden Shot trophy for being the first player to score 30 goals in that season to go with his league championship medal.

During that season John scored his 50th goal for the Pars. In so-doing he became only the second player to do that for the Athletic in ten years (the other being Sandy McNaughton). His total of 31 for the season was the best by a Dunfermline player since Alex Ferguson netted 39 goals in official competitions during season 1965-66.

It was such goalscoring form which earned John several 'Man of the match' awards and 'Player of the Year' trophies.

Season 1986-87 did not produce so many goals for him but John was subjected to much tighter marking in the higher grade - some of it not always out of the football coaches' manual! Nevertheless he played an important role in helping his team achieve promotion for the second successive season and he is hoping to prove himself in the Premier League.

John was selected, along with Norrie McCathie, to play for the Scottish Semi-professional squad in the Four Nations Tournament held in Fife during May 1987.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Meadowbank:</b>								
1979-80	1(1)	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	-
1980-81	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1983-84	17(4)	3	-	-	1(1)	-	18(5)	3
1984-85	36(1)	15	2	2	1	1	39(1)	18
1985-86	37	24	2	2	3	5	42	31
1986-87	40	13	1	-	1	-	42	13
	134(6)	55	5	4	6(1)	6	145(7)	65

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.





John Watson

*Photo: Courier & Advertiser*



Ian McCall

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



## Ian McCall

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 September 1964

BIRTH PLACE: Dumfries

HEIGHT: 5 ft 9 ins

WEIGHT: 12 st 1 lb

POSITION: Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Motherwell, Queen's Park

SIGNED FOR PARS: May 1986

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Cowdenbeath, 30 July 1986  
(Fife Cup)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Clyde, 23 August 1986  
(League)

Twenty-two-year-old Ian McCall was signed at the end of the 1985–86 season from Queen's Park. He had just returned with the Glasgow amateurs from a competition in Germany where he had been named Player of the Tournament.

His career had earlier almost stopped before it had started. After signing as a professional with Motherwell on leaving school he didn't enjoy full-time football and after a season gave up football altogether.

He missed playing the game however after eight or nine months and decided to write to Queen's Park asking for a game. He quickly progressed to the first team and was a regular 'Spider' for two seasons.

Prior to signing for Dunfermline he had opportunities to go fulltime with several English sides but Ian was not anxious to do so

after his earlier spell with Motherwell and decided to sign for the Pars having been impressed with the setup at East End and with the knowledge of a good atmosphere with bigger than normal crowds for a non-Premier League side.

Ian nominates Diego Maradona as the greatest player in world football today and as well as trying to emulate the skills of the Argentinian on the field of play he has many striking similarities to him in a physical sense and has been nicknamed 'Diego' by the East End fans.

Ian, who suffers from a mild form of asthma which he claims doesn't affect his play provided he uses an inhaler before playing, has ambitions to make it to the very top and is prepared to work to try and realise his dreams.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Queen's Park:</b>								
1983–84	2(1)	1	–	–	–	–	2(1)	1
1984–85	24(4)	–	1	–	1	–	26(4)	–
1985–86	33(2)	9	1	–	1	–	35(2)	9
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1986–87	29(14)	8	1	–	0(1)	–	30(15)	8
	88(21)	18	3	–	2(1)	–	93(22)	18

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



*Ian Campbell heads the ball down for Ian McCall when the Pars met East Fife on 30 August 1986*

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



**Davie Young**

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



## Dave Young

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 February 1962

BIRTH PLACE: Edinburgh

HEIGHT: 6 ft 3 ins

WEIGHT: 13 st 3 lbs

POSITION: Centre-half

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Celtic, Arbroath

SIGNED FOR PARS: 1984

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Stranraer, 11 August 1984 (League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Stirling Albion, 16 February 1985 (League)

Dave started his football with North Merchiston Boys Club in Edinburgh and it was from there that he went senior with Glasgow Celtic in 1978. John Clark was principally responsible for getting the 16-year-old to sign for the Parkhead side but after less than two years Dave took the chance of a move to Arbroath where he would have a chance of regular first team football.

For four seasons he got his wish and made a total of 141 appearances for the 'Red Lichties' before a change of manager and different training arrangements, which involved more travelling, resulted in a free transfer as the Gayfield side started to build a team using local players.

It was 1984 that Dave came to East End and for two seasons he only missed one game – ironically the match at Stenhousemuir when the Second Division title was clinched.

With Grant Reid, who had been signed prior to the 1986–87 season, starting the First Division campaign in the centre-half position Dave's future at East End Park appeared to be in doubt. However when an injury caused Grant to drop out of the team Dave grabbed his chance. The extra work he had put in whilst out of the team showed up with improved performances. The East End fans were quick to appreciate Dave's contribution.

Dave, who credits Frank Connor (whilst he was at Parkhead) and Jim Leishman as being the biggest influences on his career, has one current ambition – to play in Dunfermline's first home match in the Premier League next season.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Arbroath:</b>								
1980–81	30	2	–	–	4	1	34	3
1981–82	34	2	6	–	1	–	41	2
1982–83	29	–	5	–	–	–	34	–
1983–84	28	1	2	–	2	–	32	1
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1984–85	39	2	2	–	1	–	42	2
1985–86	38	3	2	–	3	–	43	3
1986–87	31	1	–	–	1	–	32	1
	229	11	17	–	12	1	258	12

## Trevor Smith

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 May 1965

BIRTH PLACE: Whitburn

HEIGHT: 5 ft 9 ins

WEIGHT: 10 st 4 lbs

POSITION: Midfield or Forward

PREVIOUS CLUB: Sauchie Juveniles

SIGNED FOR PARS: 1982

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Berwick Rangers, 12 November 1983 (League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v East Stirling, 15 February 1984 (League)

Trevor Smith played in the same Scottish Schoolboys International side as Ian McCall. Before signing for Dunfermline in 1982 he turned out for the Sauchie Juveniles Under 18 team. Trevor had the best advice possible as his father had been a professional with Partick Thistle and played for the Scottish Under 23 side and the Scottish League.

Many fans do not realise that Trevor is only 22 years old. He has been at East End Park for five seasons making him one of the longest serving players on the staff. Inconsistency has plagued his career and some fans have been quick to criticise his play at times but there is no doubt Trevor has what it takes to go a long way in the game. He is quick, has good ball control and can shoot well.

His nerve is good too as was shown in the last game of the 1984–85 season when he scored with two penalties against Berwick Rangers. The second of these spot kicks was of the utmost importance as the game was all-square at the time and a win was all-important from the promotion point-of-view if the Pars were to take advantage of any slip by Alloa.

Trevor's footballing hero is George Best and if he turns out to be even half as good as the Irishman he can look forward to an exciting and rewarding career.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1983–84	9(7)	1	–	–	1	–	10(7)	1
1984–85	11(6)	5	0(1)	–	–	–	11(7)	5
1985–86	10(14)	3	1(1)	–	1	–	12(15)	3
1986–87	7(7)	–	1	–	–	–	8(7)	–
	37(34)	9	2(2)	–	2	–	41(36)	9

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



Trevor Smith

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*



## John Donnelly

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 March 1961

BIRTH PLACE: Glasgow

HEIGHT: 5 ft 10 ins

WEIGHT: 11 st 0 lbs

POSITION: Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Notts County, Motherwell, Dumbarton, Leeds United, Partick Thistle

SIGNED FOR PARS: 23 September 1986

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Airdrieonians, 27 September 1986 (League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Morton, 18 October 1986 (League)

John moved south as a youngster to Notts County but like many before, and since, he quickly returned home without making a breakthrough into the first team.

His Scottish career kicked off with Motherwell before signing for Dumbarton in 1980. His form at Boghead attracted the attention of clubs on both sides of the border and in 1983 he moved south to Leeds United then playing in the English Second Division. John moved back north again to Scotland, and Partick Thistle, in 1985. Jim Leishman had made an earlier attempt to sign him from the English side but with Dunfermline playing in the Second Division at the time 'Leish' lost out to the Glasgow side who were competing in the next league up.

Jim got his man however in 1986 when John signed for the Athletic for a reported £5000 fee and he went on to be a regular in the East End promotion-winning side which came so close to lifting the First Division title.



John Donnelly

Photo: Dunfermline Press

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Motherwell:</b>								
1978-79	14(2)	2	—	—	—	—	14(2)	2
1979-80	7(2)	—	1	—	0(1)	—	8(3)	—
<b>With Dumbarton:</b>								
1980-81	14(2)	4	—	—	2	1	16(2)	5
1981-82	31(3)	5	2(4)	—	2	1	35(7)	6
1982-83	28	8	6	5	1	—	35	13
<b>With Leeds United:</b>								
1982-83	13(1)	1	—	—	—	—	13(1)	1
1983-84	23(2)	3	3**	—	1*	—	27(2)	3
1984-85	0(1)	—	—	—	—	—	0(1)	—
<b>With Partick Thistle:</b>								
1984-85	10	7	—	—	—	—	10	7
1985-86	27(2)	10	1	—	2	1	30(2)	11
1986-87	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	—
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1986-87	30	7	—	—	1	—	31	7
	204(15)	47	13(4)	5	9(1)	3	226(20)	55

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.

\* Refers to FA Cup.

\*\* Refers to English League Cup.

## Eric Ferguson

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 February 1965  
 BIRTH PLACE: Kincardine-on-Forth  
 HEIGHT: 5 ft 11 ins  
 WEIGHT: 11 st 10 lbs  
 POSITION: Striker  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: Glasgow Rangers  
 SIGNED FOR PARS: 22 May 1986  
 DEBUT FOR PARS: v Cowdenbeath, 30 July 1986 (Fife Cup)  
 FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: as above

Eric Ferguson spent some of his school days at Dunfermline High School and started on the road to soccer success with Gairdoch Juveniles. He initially played at centre-half before moving to the front line. Eric was only 14 when he signed 'S' forms for Glasgow Rangers and after he left school he went full-time with the Ibrox side.

After what appeared to be a successful introduction to the Rangers first team the rate of progression slowed and he spent on-loan periods

with Clydebank and Southampton before signing for Dunfermline at the end of the 1985–86 season.

The early part of his first season at East End was interrupted by illness but Eric is now feeling stronger and fitter and is looking forward to gaining a regular spot in the first team with the Pars in the Premier League.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Clydebank (on loan):</b>								
1983–84	15(1)	7	–	–	2	1	17(1)	8
<b>With Rangers:</b>								
1983–84	2(2)	–	–	–	–	–	2(2)	–
1984–85	8(1)	1	–	–	–	–	8(1)	1
1985–86	0(1)	–	–	–	–	–	0(1)	–
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1986–7	23(10)	6	1	–	1	–	25(10)	6
	48(15)	14	1	–	3	1	52(15)	15

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.

## Stuart Beedie

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 August 1960  
 BIRTH PLACE: Aberdeen  
 HEIGHT: 5 ft 10½ ins  
 WEIGHT: 11 st 0 lbs  
 POSITION: Midfield  
 PREVIOUS CLUBS: Montrose, St Johnstone, Dundee Utd, Hibernian  
 SIGNED FOR PARS: 30 March 1987  
 DEBUT FOR PARS: v Kilmarnock, 4 April 1987 (League)

Aberdeen-born Stuart started his senior career at Links Park with Montrose in 1978 as an 18-year-old. He moved on to St Johnstone for a £20,000 fee in 1981 and with the Perth side he won a First Division Championship medal for season 1982–3. Although the Saints were relegated from the Premier League the following season Stuart, by virtue of a £90,000 transfer to Dundee United, continued playing in the top division. Incidentally, Stuart had captained Saints at the age of twenty-two.

The 1984–5 season, his first at Tannadice, was especially successful for Stuart with appearances for his new team in both the Skol Cup and Scottish Cup finals. In the latter he scored United's goal which looked like being the winner until their opponents that day, Celtic, scored two late goals to lift the trophy. United had lost earlier in the season to Rangers in the Skol Cup final by one goal to nil.

Stuart also gained European experience in the UEFA Cup with Jim McLean's side – six appearances (two as a substitute) in two seasons.

In 1986 Stuart was on the move again – this time to Edinburgh when Hibs signed him and team-mate Billy Kirkwood in a deal worth £130,000. His stay at Easter Road was brief and troubled by injury.

After his move to Dunfermline at the end of March 1987 Stuart must have expected to score on his debut for the Pars against Kilmarnock on April 4 – he had scored on his debut for each club which had paid a transfer fee for him until then. Alas Stuart did not keep up his record and the Pars could have done with a goal from him as they lost by one goal to nil.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Montrose:</b>								
1978–79	9(1)	–	–	–	–	–	9(1)	–
1979–80	27(7)	4	2	–	2	1	31(7)	5
1980–81	35(1)	9	2	–	1	–	38(1)	9
<b>With St Johnstone:</b>								
1981–82	25(1)	5	2	1	2	1	29(1)	7
1982–83	35(1)	2	6	1	2	–	41(1)	3
1983–84	34	2	6	–	1	–	41	2
<b>With Dundee United:</b>								
1984–85	21(7)	3	1(4)	2	2(1)	2	24(12)	7
1985–86	14(4)	3	3(1)	–	0(1)	–	17(6)	3
<b>With Hibernian:</b>								
1986–87	9	2	3	1	–	–	12	3
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1986–87	6	–	–	–	–	–	6	–
	213(22)	30	25(5)	5	10(2)	4	248(29)	39

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



**Eric Ferguson***Photo: Dunfermline Press***Stuart Beedie***Photo: Courier & Advertiser***Billy Mackay***Photo: Dunfermline Press***John Waddell***Photo: Dunfermline Press*

## Norrie McCathie

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 March 1961  
 BIRTH PLACE: Edinburgh  
 HEIGHT: 6 ft 0 ins  
 WEIGHT: 12 st 0 lbs  
 POSITION: Defender  
 PREVIOUS CLUB: Cowdenbeath  
 SIGNED FOR PARS: 10 August 1981  
 DEBUT FOR PARS: v Ayr United, 24 October 1981  
 FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Queen's Park, 17 February 1982

Norrie started his senior career with Fife neighbours and rivals Cowdenbeath for whom he had signed from the Edinburgh side Edina Hibs. With the capital team he had played centre-forward and in his last season with them he was top scorer with 36 goals. Norrie credits his father with 'sorting him out' in his early playing days.

During his short spell at Central Park however Norrie never played in that position and in fact only made 11 appearances before coming to East End Park on August 10 1981 in an exchange deal with Craig McFarlane going to Cowdenbeath.

It wasn't until the beginning of 1985 however that Norrie started to play in the back four having been a utility player until then. He doesn't accept any credit for the positional switch and Norrie states quite clearly that it was

the management who saw that as his best position. He is happy to continue playing at the back provided he has the chance to keep coming forward.

A milestone in his career was passed when Dunfermline played Kilmarnock on November 1 1986 – it was Norrie's 200th first team appearance.

It is safe to say that Norrie is one of the Pars most commanding defenders for many years. His tackling and his ability in the air both in defence and in attack have made him one of the most respected players outside the Premier League.

Norrie was selected to play for the Scottish Semi-professional squad in the Four Nations Tournament played in Fife in May 1987.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Cowdenbeath:</b>								
1980-81	6(5)	–	–	–	–	–	6(5)	–
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1981-82	17(2)	4	–	–	–	–	17(2)	4
1982-83	24	3	1	–	2	–	27	3
1983-84	38	5	2	–	2	–	42	5
1984-85	36(1)	8	2	2	1	–	39(1)	10
1985-86	37	8	2	–	3	–	42	8
1986-87	44	6	1	–	1	–	46	6
	202(8)	34	8	2	9	–	219(8)	36

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



Even Norrie McCathie winces as Alex O'Hara of Morton is hit by an Ian McCall shot at East End Park on 21 March 1987

Photo: Enzo Minchella





Norrie McCathie

*Photo: Enzo Minchella*

## Bobby Forrest

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 August 1960

BIRTH PLACE: Hamilton

HEIGHT: 5 ft 10 ins

WEIGHT: 11 st 2 lbs

POSITION: Full-back

PREVIOUS CLUB: Penicuik Athletic

SIGNED FOR PARS: 20 November 1980

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Aberdeen, 25 July 1981 (Pre-Season Friendly)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: as above

Bobby was signed by the then Dunfermline manager Pat Stanton in 1981 from Penicuik Athletic. At that time he played outside-left and was always keen to have a go at goal. This was illustrated in his first game for the Pars with a goal against Aberdeen in a pre-season friendly.

It was against Rangers at Ibrox in the Scottish Cup in 1984 that he got his first game at left-back in the first team and he has been a regular ever since. Bobby still likes to make runs forward and have a go and he manages to score at least one goal every season.

He has partnered Bobby Robertson at full-back for some time now and looks on the Pars skipper as a good professional. Bobby has looked forward to the day when his team would be playing in the Premier League and whilst he would be happy to play anywhere in the team he probably has a desire to play up front once more.

Since making his debut for the first team in 1981 Bobby Forrest has made over 200 appearances for Dunfermline and has scored 17 goals.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
1981-82	8(3)	1	4(1)	1	—	—	12(4)	2
1982-83	34(1)	8	5	—	2	—	41(1)	8
1983-84	26(6)	3	0(1)	—	2	—	28(7)	3
1984-85	37	1	2	—	1	—	40	1
1985-86	36	2	2	—	3	—	41	2
1986-87	40(1)	1	1	—	1	—	42(1)	1
	181(11)	16	14(2)	1	9	—	204(13)	17

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.



The Pars as seen on 'Pebble Mill at One' on 13 February 1986

Photo: Courier & Advertiser





Bobby Forrest

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Steve Morrison

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## Stephen Morrison

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 August 1961

BIRTH PLACE: St Andrews

HEIGHT: 6 ft 0 ins

WEIGHT: 12 st 0 lbs

POSITION: Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUBS: St Mirren, Aberdeen

SIGNED FOR PARS: 14 May 1981

DEBUT FOR PARS: v Hamilton, 8 August 1981  
(League Cup)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v Hamilton, 22 August 1981  
(League Cup)

Steve Morrison is one of the most popular players with fans at East End. Much of this is due to his exceptionally powerful shooting particularly at dead ball situations from which he has scored several spectacular goals with dipping, swerving shots.

'Snowy' was signed for Dunfermline by the then Pars manager Pat Stanton in 1981 for a fee of £7000 from Aberdeen. At that time he was showing promise as an outandout striker but since then he has played most of his football in midfield where he feels he is more involved in the game. He certainly has the ability to make the team tick with his excellent use of the ball and allied to the aforementioned shooting power it means he is a player who has much to offer.

Steve's career started with St Mirren Boys' Club and he was signed by none other than Alex Ferguson who was then manager of St Mirren. Steve followed Alex when the former Pars' star moved to the manager's seat at Aberdeen and he spent three years at Pittodrie where he enjoyed his football as a fulltimer.

Steve credits Alex Ferguson with helping his career and says only his father has been a bigger influence. Steve reverted to part-time football on signing for Dunfermline but he was one of the first players to turn full-time when the Athletic offered the opportunity during the 1986-87 season and his form improved as a result.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Aberdeen:</b>								
1980-81	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1981-82	26(4)	4	6	2	-	-	32(4)	6
1982-83	24(4)	8	6	3	-	-	30(4)	11
1983-84	37(1)	9	2	1	1(1)	-	40(2)	10
1984-85	34(3)	8	2	-	-	-	36(3)	8
1985-86	24(5)	5	2	-	1(2)	-	27(7)	5
1986-87	30(6)	5	0(1)	-	1	-	31(7)	5
	175(23)	39	19(1)	6	3(3)	-	197(27)	45

N.B. Figures in brackets denote appearances as substitute when used.

## David Moyes

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 October 1955

BIRTH PLACE: Haddington

HEIGHT: 5 ft 10 ins

WEIGHT: 12 st 6 lbs

POSITION: Midfield

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Berwick Rangers, Meadowbank Thistle

SIGNED FOR PARS: 19 March 1985

DEBUT FOR PARS: v East Stirling, 19 March 1985  
(League)

FIRST GOAL FOR PARS: v St Johnstone, 16 April 1986 (League)

Davie Moyes' career started with Edinburgh's Royston Juniors before playing junior football with Preston Athletic. Davie credits his late father with helping him a lot in the early days.

His first senior club was Berwick Rangers for whom he signed in 1976. Although he started as a sweeper he eventually moved to full-back and later assumed the role of club captain. Davie made almost 250 appearances for the only English side playing in Scottish League football and the highlight of his eight seasons with them came in 1979 when he captained their Second Division Championship winning side.

A short spell followed with Meadowbank Thistle whom he joined in 1983 after being freed by the Border side and he had the distinction of playing in the Edinburgh side's team which reached the semi-final of the Scottish League Cup before losing to Rangers.

Jim Leishman signed him 'out of the blue' in March 1985 and he played a significant part in the Athletic's Championship team of 1985-86 to win a well-deserved second medal for the Second Division title.

After making a promising start to the 1986-87 season with the Pars in the First Division Davie dropped out of the scene at East End Park due to work commitments.

	League		Skol Cup		Scot. Cup		Total	
	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.	A.	G.
<b>With Berwick Rangers:</b>								
1975-76	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
1976-77	34(1)	1	5	-	1	-	40(1)	1
1977-78	31	3	1	-	1	1	33	4
1978-79	31	2	1	-	3	-	35	2
1979-80	35	2	2	1	3	-	40	3
1980-81	27	-	1	-	1	-	29	-
1981-82	27	2	3(1)	-	3	-	33(1)	2
1982-83	24	1	3	-	2	-	29	1
<b>With Meadowbank:</b>								
1983-84	25	-	6	-	3	-	34	-
1984-85	14(3)	1	1	-	-	-	15(3)	1
<b>With Dunfermline:</b>								
1984-85	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
1985-86	23(2)	2	2	-	2	-	27(2)	2
1986-87	5	-	1	-	-	-	6	-
	291(6)	14	26(1)	1	19	1	336(7)	16

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Dave Moyes

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## Scottish Fine-Fare League – Second Division/Skol Cup/Scottish Cup Season 1985–6

No. 1	Saturday, 10 August
ARBROATH (2) 3	DUNFERMLINE (1) 3
Hedde o.g. (25)	Campbell (5)
Curran 2 (34,83)	Watson 2 (49,65)

**Arbroath:** Jackson, Lynch (Kirkcaldy 75), Hill, Young, Glover, Taylor, Curran, Mackie, McWalter, Brannigan, Paterson (Kennedy 52)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Hedde, Smith (Bowie 70), Moyes, Watson, Morrison (Jenkins 84), Campbell

Attendance: 1142

Referee: I. R. Cathcart (Bridge of Allan)

Yellow Cards: Taylor, Glover, Hill (Arbroath); Hedde, Young, Moyes (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Cowdenbeath	1	1	0	0	3	1	+2	2
Queen of South	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	2
St Johnstone	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	2
Queen's Park	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	2
East Stirling	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	2
Arbroath	1	0	1	0	3	3	- 1	
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>- 1</b>	
Albion Rovers	1	0	1	0	0	0	- 1	
Berwick Rangers	1	0	1	0	0	0	- 1	

*Down at the seaside, bottom club of all last season, Arbroath started with a share of the spoils against Dunfermline, another of the hotly fancied promotion favourites.*

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No. 2	Saturday, 17 August
DUNFERMLINE (1) 4	BERWICK RANGERS (1) 2
McCathie (43)	Sokoluk 2 (5,76)
Campbell (69)	
Hedde (71)	
Watson (73)	

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Hedde, Smith (Bowie 62), Moyes, Watson, Morrison, Campbell (Jenkins 86)

**Berwick Rangers:** Glynn, Smith, Conroy, McGovern, Douglas, Brownlie, Davidson, Romaines, Parker (Cavanagh 70), Sokoluk, Hamilton

Substitute: Gunn – not used

Mascot: Mark Devlin (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 1971

Referee: L. B. Thow (Ayr)

Yellow Cards: Conroy, Romaines (Berwick Rangers)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Arbroath	2	1	1	0	6	3	+3	3
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>3</b>
Cowdenbeath	2	1	1	0	3	1	+2	3
Queen of South	2	1	1	0	2	0	+2	3
St Johnstone	2	1	1	0	2	0	+2	3
East Stirling	2	1	1	0	1	0	+1	3

*Dunfermline are starting off like they mean to prove many peoples' faith in them for promotion justified.*

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Skol Cup – 1st round	Monday, 19 August
DUNFERMLINE (3) 4	STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
Campbell 3 (8 pen, 10, 44)	
Jenkins (82)	

Sponsor's Man-of-the-Match:

I. Campbell (Dunfermline)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Roberston, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Hedde, Bowie (Smith 74), Moyes, Watson, Morrison (Jenkins 79), Campbell

**Stenhousemuir:** Hamilton, Cairney, Hamill, Erwin, Oliver, McComb, Butler, Bateman, Sinnet, Gillen (Grant 75), Wilson (Hyslop 79)

Mascot: Barry Haddon (Kelty)

Attendance: 2581

Referee: J. F. McGilvray (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Hedde (Dunfermline);

Hamill, Oliver (Stenhousemuir)

*East End Park looks like being the place for goals this season. For the second time in three days Dunfermline knocked in four goals, but this time they didn't concede any.*

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Skol Cup – 2nd round	Wednesday 21 August
MORTON (1) 2	DUNFERMLINE (1) 2
Robertson (37)	Watson 2 (18,57)
Anderson (55)	

Morton won 4–3 on penalties after extra time

Sponsor's Man-of-the-Match:

J. Watson (Dunfermline)

**Morton:** McDermott, O'Hara, Holmes, McNamara, Anderson, Doak, Richardson, Robertson, Gillespie, McNeil, McCafferty (Docherty 70)

Substitute: Turner – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Hedde, Smith (Jenkins 97), Moyes, Watson, Morrison, Campbell (Bowie 60)

Attendance: 1700

Referee: W. McLeish (Stonehouse)

Yellow Cards: Gillespie, Anderson (Morton); Morrison, McCathie (Dunfermline)

*All credit, however, to the Second Division side who showed their attacking aim right from the kickoff and saw Ian Hedde hit the bar with a 22-yard drive after only two minutes.*

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**No. 3**

QUEEN'S PARK (2) 3

McCall 2 (19,80)

McLaughlin (27)

**Queen's Park:** S. Ross, K. Wilson, P. McLaughlin, P. MacNamee, K. Brannigan, D. Walker, P. McLean, G. Crooks, J. Nicholson (G. Fraser 52), I. McCall, I. Shearer  
 Substitute: W Cairns – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Heddle, McCathie, Young, Houston (Bowie 65), Smith, Moyes, Watson, Morrison, Campbell (Jenkins 70)

Attendance: 1010

Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)

No bookings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Arbroath	3	2	1	0	8	3	+5	5
Queen of South	3	2	1	0	5	0	+5	5
East Stirling	3	2	1	0	2	0	+2	5
Stenhousemuir	3	2	0	1	8	4	+4	4
Queen's Park	3	2	0	1	5	6	-1	4
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	-	<b>3</b>
Cowdenbeath	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	3
St Johnstone	3	1	1	1	2	3	-1	3

*It was Pars' fourth game in seven days – too much for any part-time club.*

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**No. 4**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 3

Morrison 31)

Heddle (40)

Watson (70)

**Saturday, 31 August**

COWDENBEATH (2) 2

McGlashan (15)

Doig (25)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson (Bowie 78), Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Smith, Moyes, Watson, Morrison, Campbell (Jenkins 59)

**Cowdenbeath:** Allan, Williamson, Shields, Rutherford, Wilcox, Cochran, Quinn (Armour 52), McCulloch (Hackett 52), McGlashan, Doig Duncan

Mascot: Calum Bruce (Rosyth)

Attendance: 2958

Referee: G. A. Evans (Bishopbriggs)

Yellow Cards: McCathie, Smith (Dunfermline); Cochrane, McGlashan, Williamson (Cowdenbeath)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Arbroath	4	3	1	0	9	3	+6	7
Stenhousemuir	4	3	0	1	10	4	+6	6
Queen of South	4	2	2	0	6	1	+5	6
Queen's Park	4	3	0	1	7	6	+1	6
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	+1	<b>5</b>
East Stirling	4	2	1	1	2	2	-	5

*Dunfermline boss Jim Leishman's delight at his side's fighting 3-2 win over Fife neighbours Cowdenbeath was tempered by annoyance at their need to overcome a two-goal deficit.*

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**No. 5**

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0

**Saturday, 7 September**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

**Queen of the South:** Davidson, G. Robertson, Gervaise, Parker, Hetherington, Cloy, Reid, Cochrane, Bryce, McBride, J. Robertson  
 Substitutes: Dick, Young (not used)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Smith (Bowie 70), Moyes, Watson, Morrison, Campbell (Jenkins 60)

Attendance: 1102

Referee: A. W. Waddell (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: J. Robertson (Queen of the South); Young, Smith (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Arbroath	5	3	2	0	10	4	+6	8
Stenhousemuir	5	3	1	1	11	5	+6	7
Queen of South	5	2	3	0	6	1	+5	7
East Stirling	5	3	1	1	4	3	+1	7
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	+1	<b>6</b>
Queen's Park	5	3	0	2	8	8	-	6

*Former Hearts goalkeeper Ian Westwater had an outstanding game and consistently thwarted Queens' eager forwards.*

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**No. 6**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 3

Watson 2 (27,48)

Jenkins (33)

**Saturday, 14 September**

RAITH ROVERS (2) 3

P. Smith (24 pen)

Gavine (31,72)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Moyes, Watson, Morrison (Smith 60), Jenkins (Campbell 84)

**Raith Rovers:** McClafferty, Candlish, Sweeney, Marshall, Voy (Herd 2), Gavine, Smith, Elvin, Leitch, Robertson, Wright (McNeil 75)

Mascot: Stuart Hannah (Townhill)

Attendance: 3119

Referee: D. T. McVicar (Carluke)

Yellow Cards: McCathie, Young (Dunfermline); Leitch, Candlish, Gavine, Elvin (Raith Rovers)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
East Stirling	6	4	1	1	6	4	+2	9
Stenhousemuir	6	3	2	1	12	6	+6	8
Queen of South	6	2	4	0	8	3	+5	8
Arbroath	6	3	2	1	10	9	+1	8
Cowdenbeath	6	3	1	2	14	8	+6	7
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	+1	<b>7</b>
Queen's Park	6	3	1	2	9	9	-	7

*Although the match was like a cup-tie with both sides playing attacking football, I don't think the respective dug-outs enjoyed it that much because you never knew what was to happen next.*

Raith Manager Bobby Wilson talking to

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**No. 7**ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1  
Mitchell (70)**Tuesday, 24 September**DUNFERMLINE (0) 2  
Morrison (74)  
Jenkins (79)

**St Johnstone:** Balavage, McGurn, McGonigle, Barron, Winter, Morton, Gibson, Johnston (Paterson 81), Ward (Williamson 65), Reid, Mitchell

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young (Smith 81), Heddle, Bowie, Moyes, Watson (Campbell 76), Morrison, Jenkins

Attendance: 1562

Referee: G. B. Smith (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: McGurn (St Johnstone);  
Heddle (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	7	3	4	0	13	5	+8	10
Arbroath	7	4	2	1	12	10	+2	10
Cowdenbeath	7	4	1	2	18	10	+8	9
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>9</b>
East Stirling	7	4	1	2	7	6	+1	9

*Dunfermline pulled off a fighting 2-1 win in last night's all-action encounter at Perth. Both sides adopted an attacking policy which made for an exciting game throughout.*

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**No. 8**DUNFERMLINE (1) 3  
Jenkins (30)  
Heddle (75)  
McCathie (87)**Saturday, 28 September**STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 2  
McNaughton 2 (47,53)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Moyes (Smith 73), Watson (Campbell 68), Morrison, Jenkins

**Stenhousemuir:** Hamilton, Cairney, Hamill, Meakin, Erwin, Buchanan, McComb, Christie, Sinnet, McNaughton (Smith 75), Gillen  
Substitute: Strange – not used

Mascot: D. Birnie (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 2298

Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)

Red Card: Meakin (Stenhousemuir)

Yellow Cards: Watson (Dunfermline);  
Buchanan, Cairney (Stenhousemuir)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	8	4	4	0	15	6	+9	12
Arbroath	8	5	2	1	13	10	+3	12
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>11</b>
Cowdenbeath	8	4	2	2	18	10	+8	10
East Stirling	8	4	2	2	8	7	+1	10

*While Pars are building a platform on which to mount a promotion challenge, it has to be worrying for them that their 16 goals conceded is the second worst record in the league.*

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**No. 9**STRANRAER (1) 1  
McGuire (4)**Saturday, 5 October**DUNFERMLINE (2) 3  
Hamilton (1)  
Filson o.g. (33)  
Smith (85)

**Stranraer:** Strachan, O'Donnell, Cousar, Quinn, McDougall, Filson, Logan, McCaig, Mauchlen, McCabe, McGuire

Substitutes: Brown, Lindsay – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle (Smith 65), Robertson, Moyes, Campbell (Bowie 80), Morrison, Jenkins

Attendance: 900

Referee: D. T. McVicar (Carluke)

Yellow Cards: Cousar (Stranraer);  
Hamilton, Forrest (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	9	5	4	0	17	6	+11	14
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>13</b>
Arbroath	9	5	2	2	14	12	+2	12
Cowdenbeath	9	4	3	2	20	12	+8	11

*Five busloads of supporters followed Dunfermline to Stranraer where they saw the Pars win 3-1 to move into second place in the table.*

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**No. 10**DUNFERMLINE (1) 1  
Morrison (8)**Saturday, 12 October**MEADOWBANK (0) 1  
Jackson (86)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Smith (Campbell 79), Hamilton, Watson (Bowie 68), Morrison, Jenkins

**Meadowbank:** McQueen, Hendrie (Korotkich 70), Boyd, Wilson, J. Stewart, Armstrong, Lawrence, Lawson, Jackson, Nisbet (Robertson 60), Sprott

Mascot: Barry Deeman (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 2612

Referee: M. Delaney (Cleland)

Yellow Card: Smith (Dunfermline);  
Boyd, Lawson (Meadowbank)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	10	6	4	0	23	7	+16	16
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>14</b>
Arbroath	10	5	3	2	14	12	+2	13
Cowdenbeath	10	4	3	3	21	18	+3	11
Meadowbank	10	4	3	3	18	16	+2	11

*Meadowbank almost took both points with a fine second-half performance, but overall a draw was fair.*

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**No. 11**

EAST STIRLING (0) 0

**Saturday, 19 October**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 4

Watson (6)

Jenkins 2 (37,70 pen)

Morrison (85)

**East Stirling:** Tulloch, Laird (Leetion 61), Mason, Innes, Rennie, Gilchrist, Doig, Hamilton, McGonigal, Harvey (Tollan 61), Maskrey

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Smith (Houston 73), Hamilton, Watson (Campbell 61), Morrison, Jenkins

Attendance: 1100

Referee: D. Downie (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Harvey, Rennie, Maskrey (East Stirling);

Forrest, Smith, Heddle (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	11	7	4	0	24	7	+17	18
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>16</b>
Arbroath	11	6	3	2	15	12	+3	15
Cowdenbeath	11	5	3	3	23	18	+5	13

*Pars 4-0 win at East Stirling brought their 'goals for' tally to a remarkable 27 in just 11 matches, three more than table-topping Queen of the South and four better than Premier League leaders Aberdeen's total.*

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**No. 12**

DUNFERMLINE (3) 6

McCathie 2 (4,88)

Jenkins (12 pen)

Young (15)

Watson (46)

Forrest (64)

**Saturday, 26 October**

ALBION ROVERS (0) 0

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie (Smith 74), Hamilton, Watson, Morrison (Houston 55), Jenkins

**Albion Rovers:** Thomson, Rodgers, Deakin, Edgar (Conn 24), Gallacher, Greene, Kasule, Cleland, McKay, Paisley (Nolan 61), McAteer

Mascot: Guy Moffat (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 2386

Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)

Yellow Card: Paisley (Albion Rovers)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	12	7	5	0	24	7	+17	19
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>18</b>
Arbroath	12	7	3	2	16	12	+4	17
Cowdenbeath	12	6	3	3	25	19	+6	15

*'The players are working well for each other,' was manager Jim Leishman's summing up.*

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**No. 13**

STIRLING ALBION (0) 0

**Saturday, 2 November**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

Watson (52)

**Stirling Albion:** Graham, Dawson, Spence, Anderson, McTeague, Maxwell, Thompson (Ormond 74), Walker, Irvine, Grant, Hoggan (Aitchison 80)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest (Smith 74), McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie (Houston 62), Hamilton, Watson, Morrison, Jenkins

Attendance: 1738

Referee: I. R. Cathcart (Bridge of Allan)

No bookings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	13	8	5	0	26	7	+19	21
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>20</b>
Arbroath	13	7	3	3	16	14	+2	17
Cowdenbeath	13	6	4	3	26	20	+6	16

*Annfield hasn't been the happiest of hunting grounds in the past for Dunfermline but a John Watson goal gave them the points against Stirling Albion on Saturday.*

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**No. 14**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2

Jenkins (30)

Watson (58)

**Saturday, 9 November**

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1

Cochrane (87)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Hamilton (Houston 85), Watson, Morrison, Jenkins

Substitute: Campbell – not used

**Queen of the South:** Davidson, G. Robertson, Gervaise (Young 76), Parker, Hetherington, Cloy (Dick 60), Reid, Cochrane, Bryce, McBride, J. Robertson

Mascot: Stephen Ravenscroft (Crossford)

Attendance: 4577

Referee: D. D. Hope (Erskine)

Yellow Cards: Heddle (Dunfermline);

Gervaise, Young (Queen of the South)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>+17</b>	<b>22</b>
Queen of South	14	8	5	1	27	9	+18	21
Arbroath	14	7	3	4	17	18	-1	17
St Johnstone	14	7	2	5	26	17	+9	16
Cowdenbeath	14	6	4	4	27	22	+5	16

*Dunfermline ended Queens' unbeaten record in a cracking game and take over top spot.*

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**No. 15****Saturday, 16 November**

RAITH ROVERS (1) 1

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2

Marshall (26)

Jenkins 2 (21 pen,81)

**Raith Rovers:** McLafferty, Candlish (Herd 19), Sweeney, Reid, More, Philip, Smith, Elvin (McNeill 84), Marshall, Robertson, Wright

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Hamilton, Watson, Morrison (Houston 63), Jenkins

Substitute: Campbell – not used

Attendance: 3640

Referee: W. N. Crombie (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Reid (Raith Rovers);

Watson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>24</b>
Queen of South	15	9	5	1	30	10	+20	23
St Johnstone	15	8	2	5	27	17	+5	18
Cowdenbeath	15	7	4	4	28	22	+6	18

*With a crowd of around 3500 at Stark's Park on Saturday, Raith Rovers and Dunfermline drew more people than the English Second Division game at Wimbledon, 26 English F.A. Cup ties and all the games in the Scottish First Division.*

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**No. 16****Saturday, 23 November**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 4

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0

Jenkins 2 (25,53)

Watson 2 (55,87)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Hamilton, Watson, Morrison, Jenkins

Substitutes: Campbell, Houston – not used

**St Johnstone:** Balavage, Millen, McGonigle, (McGurn 62), Barron, Winter, Morton, Gibson, Brown, Evans, Addison, Adam

Substitute: Johnston – not used

Mascot: Neal Ravenscroft (Crossford)

Attendance: 4245

Referee: G. D. Cumming (Carluke)

Red Card: Adam (St Johnstone)

Yellow Cards: Millen, Brown, Gibson, Evans (St Johnstone)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>26</b>
Queen of South	16	10	5	1	35	11	+24	25
Meadowbank	16	7	5	4	30	20	+10	19
Cowdenbeath	16	7	5	4	29	23	+6	19
Arbroath	16	8	3	5	19	20	-1	19

*With the best 'goals for' column in British football (at 42 one better than Liverpool and Blackpool), seven points clear of the third top team in the promotion race and an over 4000 crowd for the second time in a couple of weeks, Dunfermline Athletic is without doubt the 'boom' club in Scottish football just now.*

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**Scottish Cup – 1st round Saturday, 7 December**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 2

RAITH ROVERS (0) 0

Heddle (1)

Watson (44)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Hamilton, Watson, Morrison, Jenkins

Substitutes: Campbell, Houston – not used

**Raith Rovers:** McLafferty, Herd, Sweeney, Gavine, More, Philip, Smith, Elvin (Leitch 72), Marshall, Robertson, Wright (McNeill 76)

Mascot: Symon Dick (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 5558

Referee: W. N. Crombie (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Hamilton, Heddle (Dunfermline); Marshall (Raith Rovers)

*Solid at the back, inventive in midfield, and with a striker-rate matched only by Liverpool in the whole of Britain, Dunfermline dictated this match from the start to run out worthy winners.*

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**No. 17****Saturday, 14 December**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

STRANRAER (0) 0

Bowie (64)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie (Campbell 88), Hamilton, Watson, Morrison, Jenkins

Substitute: Houston – not used

**Stranraer:** Noonan, O'Donnell, Cousar, Quinn (Brown 20), McDougall, McDonald, Logan, McCabe, Mauchlen, Whiteside (Sweeney 70), McGuire

Mascot: Derek Cowan (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 2830

Referee: R. D. Valentine (Dundee)

Yellow Card: Cousar (Stranraer)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>28</b>
Queen of South	17	11	5	1	36	11	+25	27
Meadowbank	17	8	5	4	32	21	+11	21
St Johnstone	17	9	2	6	31	23	+8	20
Arbroath	17	8	4	5	21	22	-1	20

*The victory bubble could so easily have burst for Dunfermline in this game with managerless Stranraer. Finding the net at times seemed beyond the home side, and they were constantly frustrated by the Stranraer defence.*

Sunday Post

**No. 18**

BERWICK RANGERS (3) 4 DUNFERMLINE (1) 4  
 Ramines (12) Watson (28)  
 Sokoluk (36) Jenkins (51)  
 Conroy (43) Forrest (60)  
 Cavanagh (47) Campbell (80 pen)

**Berwick Rangers:** Watson, Fraser, McCann, McGovern (Douglas 65), Marshall, Muir, Davidson, Ramines, Conroy, Sokoluk, Cavanagh,

Substitute: Tait – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Houston, Smith, Hamilton, Watson, Morrison (Campbell 66), Jenkins

Substitute: Moyes – not used

Attendance: 1037

Referee: D. D. Hope (Erskine)

Red Cards: Davidson (Berwick Rangers);

Jenkins (Dunfermline)

Yellow Cards: Marshall, Conroy, Fraser, Ramines (Berwick Rangers)

Morrison, Hamilton (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>29</b>
Queen of South	17	11	5	1	36	11	+25	27
Arbroath	19	9	5	5	29	25	+4	23
Meadowbank	18	8	6	4	34	23	+11	22

*Table topping Dunfermline fought back from 4-1 down to salvage a point in a real thriller. Two players were ordered off and six booked in the hectic action.*

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**Scottish Cup – 2nd round Saturday, 4 January**

THREAVE ROVERS (0) 0 DUNFERMLINE (1) 5  
 Watson 4 (42,48,58,80 pen)  
 Heddle (46)

**Threave Rovers:** Shanks, Connelly, Gallacher (Austin), McVittie, Derek Thomson, I. Bendall (David Thomson), S. Bendall, Houston, Rudd, Maxwell, Semple

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle (Gordon 70), Smith, Moyes (Morrison 75), Watson, Campbell, Houston

N.B. No substitution times available for Threave Rovers

Attendance: 1600

Referee: L. B. Thow (Ayr)

No bookings

*Threave put on a great show for 40 minutes before top scorer John Watson ended their chances of Cup glory. He went on to crack home four goals as both sides slithered on the icy surface caused by a pre-match blizzard.*

Sunday Post

**No. 19**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 3  
 Campbell (8)  
 McCathie (14)  
 Watson (74)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Campbell (Smith 70), Morrison (Bowie 70), Watson, Moyes, Jenkins

**Queen's Park:** S. Ross, J. Boyle, K. Wilson, P. McNamee, K. Brannigan, D. Walker, W. Cairns, G. Fraser, M. Smith, R. Caven, G. Crooks

Substitutes: J. Ward, D. McKay – not used

Mascot: Rebbecca Haddow (Kelty)

Attendance: 2772

Referee: W. N. Crombie (Edinburgh)

No bookings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	19	13	5	1	40	12	+28	31
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>31</b>
St Johnstone	19	11	2	6	36	24	+12	24
Meadowbank	20	8	8	4	35	24	+11	24
Queen's Park	21	10	4	7	29	25	+4	24

*It gave Dunfermline revenge over the only side to have beaten them in the league this season, kept them right in touch with leaders Queen of the South, made them the first club in Scottish football to register 50 goals this season and also helped equal the club's best ever run in the league.*

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**No. 20**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2  
 McCathie 2 (21,70)

**Saturday, 18 January**

EAST STIRLING (0) 1  
 Maskrey (80)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Hamilton (Morrison 75), Watson, Moyes, Jenkins

Substitute: Campbell – not used

**East Stirling:** Bowie, Laird, Leetion, Harvey (McDonald 66), Rennie, Gilchrist, Doig, Wylde, Gaffney, Maskrey, McGonigal

Substitute: Tasker – not used

Mascot: Mark Bett (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 2663

Referee: K. F. O'Donnell (Airdrie)

Yellow Cards: Robertson (Dunfermline);

Wylde (East Stirling)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	20	14	5	1	42	12	+30	33
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>33</b>
St Johnstone	20	12	2	6	40	24	+16	26
Queen's Park	22	11	4	7	34	25	+9	26

*Norrie McCathie set Pars on their way to a record 17 league games without defeat.*

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**Scottish Cup – 3rd round      Sunday, 26 January**  
 HIBERNIAN (0) 2      DUNFERMLINE (0) 0  
 May (63)  
 Cowan (80)

**Hibernian:** Rough, Sneddon, Munro, Chisholm, Fulton (Rae), Hunter, May, Kane, Cowan, Durie, Collins

Substitute: Tortolano – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie (Morrison), Hamilton, Watson (Campbell), Moyes, Jenkins N.B. No substitution times available for either Hibernian or Dunfermline

Attendance: 15,500

Referee: M. Delaney (Cleland)

Red Card: Moyes (Dunfermline)

Yellow Card: Robertson (Dunfermline)

*Dunfermline's Scottish Cup run was brought to an abrupt end at Easter Road yesterday, but not before the Fifers had given their 5000 strong following full value for their money. The Courier*

**No. 22      Saturday, 15 February**  
 RAITH ROVERS (1) 3      DUNFERMLINE (2) 3  
 Herd 2 (21,84)      Campbell (3)  
 Wright (53)      Watson 2 (14,78)

**Raith Rovers:** McLafferty, Philip, Sweeney, Herd, Voy, More, Marshall, Anderson, Smith, Wright, Leitch (McNeill 82)

Substitute: Gavine – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon, Campbell (Pryde 71), Hamilton, Watson, Morrison (Houston 71), Jenkins

Attendance: 1500

Referee: G. B. Smith (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Smith, Marshall (Raith Rovers); McCathie, Pryde (Dunfermline);

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	23	15	6	2	45	15	+30	36
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>34</b>
Meadowbank	24	10	8	6	41	30	+11	28
Queen's Park	25	12	4	9	37	29	+8	28

*These sides may well be at opposite ends of the table but as the 3–3 scoreline suggests, they were evenly matched on the day.      The Courier*

**No. 21      Saturday, 1 February**  
 DUNFERMLINE (0) 2      STIRLING ALBION (1) 3  
 Young (84)      Irvine (42)  
 Smith (89)      Thompson (71)  
                  Walker (90)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle (Smith 71), Campbell (Houston 71), Hamilton, Watson, Morrison, Jenkins

**Stirling Albion:** Graham, Dawson, Spence, Walker, McTeague, Maxwell, Thompson, Hoggan (Cousin 80), Irvine, Grant, Ormond  
 Substitute: McCulley – not used

Mascot: Keith Innes (Kelty)

Attendance: 2541

Referee: A. W. Waddell (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Watson (Dunfermline); Maxwell, Irvine (Stirling Albion)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	21	14	6	1	44	14	+30	34
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>+24</b>	<b>33</b>
St Johnstone	21	12	2	7	41	27	+14	26
Meadowbank	22	9	8	5	39	28	+11	26
Queen's Park	23	11	4	8	35	27	+8	26

*Young slotted, then Smith crashed home the equaliser leaving goalkeeper Graham stranded. Walker raced back up the park from the restart and smashed an injury time winner. Sunday Post*

**No. 23      Wednesday, 5 March**  
 COWDENBEATH (0) 0      DUNFERMLINE (1) 1  
                  Smith (36)

**Cowdenbeath:** Allan, Wilson, Wilcox, Shaw, McCulloch, Rutherford, Baillie, Williamson, Grant, McGlashan (McKenzie 56), Shields

Substitute: Doig – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon, Smith, Moyes, Watson (Jenkins 75), Morrison, Campbell  
 Substitute: Houston – not used

Attendance: 1781

Referee: A. N. Huett (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Williamson, Baillie (Cowdenbeath)  
 Moyes (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	24	16	6	2	47	16	+31	38
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>36</b>
Queen's Park	27	14	4	9	43	31	+12	32
Meadowbank	26	10	9	7	42	34	+8	29
Arbroath	26	11	7	8	39	33	+6	29

*The pattern with Dunfermline on top was much the same after the interval and although Cowdenbeath tried hard Dunfermline always seemed to be in control.      The Courier*

**No. 24**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

**Saturday, 8 March**

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon, Smith, Moyes, Watson, Morrison (Houston 71), Campbell (Jenkins 58)

**Queen's Park:** S. Ross, J. Boyle, P. McLaughlin, P. McNamee, K. Brannigan, D. Walker, W. Cairns, G. Fraser, M. Smith, R. Caven, I. McCall

Substitutes: G. Crooks, D. McKay – not used

Mascot: Paul Graham (Kirkcaldy)

Attendance: 3112

Referee: M. Delaney (Cleland)

Yellow Cards: Gordon, Morrison, Robertson (Dunfermline);

Smith, McLaughlin (Queen's Park)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	25	17	6	2	50	16	+34	40
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>37</b>
Queens Park	28	14	5	9	43	31	+12	33
Meadowbank	27	11	9	7	46	35	+11	31
Arbroath	27	12	7	8	44	34	+10	31

*In a hard tough game the emphasis by both sides seemed to be on making sure they didn't lose. So most of the play was in midfield and chances were few.*

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**No. 25**

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1

**Wednesday, 12 March**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

Erwin (4)

Watson (56)

**Stenhousemuir:** Hamilton, Cairney, Hamill, Buchanan, Maitland, Erwin, McIntosh, Bateman (McComb 65), Sinnet, McNaughton (Butler 70), Gillen

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon (Morrison 67), Connolly (Campbell 72), Moyes, Watson, Houston, Jenkins

Attendance: 2180

Referee: J. S. McGilvary (Edinburgh)

Red Card: McIntosh (Stenhousemuir)

Yellow Cards: Cairney, Bateman (Stenhousemuir);

Moyes, Westwater, Watson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	26	17	6	3	50	19	+31	40
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>+25</b>	<b>38</b>
Queen's Park	29	15	5	9	46	31	+15	35
Meadowbank	27	11	9	7	46	35	+11	31
Arbroath	27	12	7	8	44	34	+10	31

*Tragedy struck Stenhousemuir in the 56th minute when a shot from Moyes was well wide of the goal but cannoned off a defender to the feet of John Watson who had the easiest of jobs to shoot home the equaliser.*

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**No. 26**

COWDENBEATH (0) 0

**Saturday, 15 March**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2

Hamilton (24)

Campbell (79)

**Cowdenbeath:** Allan, Williamson, Wilcox, Oliver, McCulloch, Rutherford, Brown, Armour, MacKenzie, Wilson (Baillie 60), Grant (Doig 56)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon, Campbell, Moyes, Watson, Hamilton, Jenkins

Substitutes: Morrison, Houston – not used

Attendance: 1500

Referee: D. D. Hope (Erskine)

Yellow Cards: Rutherford (Cowdenbeath);

McCathie (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	27	18	6	3	52	20	+32	42
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>40</b>
Queen's Park	30	15	6	9	47	32	+15	36
Arbroath	28	13	7	8	51	33	+18	33

*Dunfermline stepped up the pressure on league leaders Queen of the South with their third win of the season over Cowdenbeath in a one-sided Fife derby.*

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**No. 27**

MEADOWBANK (1) 2

Lawrence 2 (39,76)

**Tuesday, 18 March**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2

Campbell (34)

Watson (48)

**Meadowbank:** McQueen, Hendrie, Boyd, Clark (Scott 61), Tierney, Armstrong, Lawrence, Lawson, Jackson, Nisbet, McGachie

Substitute: I. Stewart – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young (Morrison 67), Gordon, Campbell, Moyes, Watson, Hamilton, Jenkins

Substitute: Houston – not used

Attendance: 1600

Referee: B. McGinlay (Balfron)

Red Card: Hamilton (Dunfermline)

Yellow Cards: Tierney (Meadowbank);

McCathie, Forrest, Gordon (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	27	18	6	3	52	20	+32	42
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>41</b>
Queen's Park	30	15	6	9	47	32	+15	36
Meadowbank	29	11	11	7	49	38	+11	33
Arbroath	29	13	7	9	47	37	+10	33

*The form which has made Dunfermline such convincing promotion contenders all season did not desert them in one of the most difficult away fixtures of the programme last night.*

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## No. 28

Saturday, 22 March

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

ARBROATH (0) 0

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon, Campbell (Bowie 65), Houston, Watson, Morrison, Jenkins

Substitute: Heddle – not used

**Arbroath:** Jackson, Lynch, Hill, Curran, Rodger, Jack, Fotheringham, Taylor (Mitchell 80), Torrance, McWalter (Kirkcaldy 62), Brannigan

Mascot: Gordon Smith (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 2615

Referee: A. N. Huett (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Brannigan, Jack, Torrance (Arbroath)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	29	19	7	3	56	23	+33	45
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>42</b>
Queen's Park	31	16	6	9	48	32	+16	38
Meadowbank	30	12	11	7	52	40	+12	35

*Pars top scorer John Watson looked decidedly unsure of himself after passing a fitness test and even the return of Jim Bowie after injury couldn't inspire the home forwards.*

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## No. 29

Saturday, 29 March

DUNFERMLINE (2) 4

STRANRAER (0) 1

Hamilton (14)

Watt (70 pen)

Jenkins (40)

Watson (81)

Morrison (88)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest (Morrison 23), McCathie, Young, Gordon, Bowie (Campbell 67), Houston, Watson, Hamilton, Jenkins

**Stranraer:** Thompson, O'Donnell, McCabe, McDaid, Watt, Filson, Quinn, Logan, Higgins, McGonigle, McCurdy (Innes 68)

Substitute: Smith – not used

Mascot: Euan Hannah (Townhill)

Attendance: 2602

Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)

Yellow Card: Filson (Stranraer)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	30	19	7	4	56	24	+32	45
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>+30</b>	<b>44</b>
Queen's Park	32	16	7	9	49	33	+16	39
Meadowbank	31	13	11	7	53	40	+13	37

*Substitute Ian Campbell put Watson clear to nudge home Dunfermline's third, and with the visitors down and out, the issue was put beyond question when Morrison scored with two minutes to go.*

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## No. 30

Monday, 31 March

ALBION ROVERS (0) 0

DUNFERMLINE (2) 3

Campbell 2 (14,85)

Hamilton (43)

[Played at Broomfield Park, Airdrie]

**Albion Rovers:** McKeown, McArthur, Greene (Paisley 73), Edgar, Gallacher, Deakin, Rodgers, Kasule, Nolan, Cleland, Conn

Substitute: Grant – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson (Morrison 68), Gordon, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie (Pryde 77), Houston, Watson, Hamilton, Campbell

Attendance: 1320

Referee: J. D. Cumming (Carluke)

Yellow Cards: Kasule, Gallacher (Albion Rovers)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>+33</b>	<b>46</b>
Queen of South	30	19	7	4	56	24	+32	45
Queen's Park	32	16	7	9	49	33	+16	39
Meadowbank	31	13	11	7	53	40	+13	37

*Pars were always in control and won comfortably in the end with two goals from Ian Campbell and another by Rowan Hamilton.*

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## No. 31

Saturday, 5 April

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (2) 3

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

Hetherington (15)

Bowie (69)

Cochrane 2 (30,64)

**Queen of the South:** Davidson, G. Robertson, Dick, Parker, Hetherington, Cloy, Reid, Cochrane, Bryce, McBride, J. Robertson

Substitutes: Forsyth, Maskrey – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Gordon, Wilson, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Houston (Moyes 58), Watson, Hamilton, Campbell (Jenkins 58)

Attendance: 5150

Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)

Yellow Cards: Young, Hamilton (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	32	20	7	5	59	26	+33	47
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>46</b>
Queen's Park	34	17	8	9	52	34	+18	42
St Johnstone	33	17	4	12	59	45	+14	38

*Although still very much on course for promotion, Pars can't afford too many slip-ups.*

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**No. 32****Tuesday, 8 April**

MEADOWBANK (2) 4

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

Jackson (21)

Scott (26)

McGachie 2 (53, 80)

**Meadowbank:** McQueen, Hendrie, Boyd, Scott, Tierney, Armstrong, Lawrence, Lawson, Jackson, Nisbet, McGachie

Substitutes: Stewart, Robertson – not used

**Dunfermline:** McAlpine, Robertson, Forrest, Wilson (Moyes 67), Young, Gordon, Bowie, Thompson, Watson, Hamilton, Campbell (Jenkins 67)

Attendance: 650

Referee: D. F. T. Syme (Rutherglen)

Yellow Cards: Tierney (Meadowbank);

Moyes (Dunfermline);

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	32	20	7	5	59	26	+33	47
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>46</b>
Queen's Park	34	17	8	9	52	34	+18	42
Meadowbank	34	14	11	9	57	42	+15	39

*As it was, Hamish's excursion into Division Two was a traumatic experience, Dunfermline suffering their heaviest league defeat of the season, with the veteran keeper making several superb saves to keep the margin down.*

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**No. 33****Saturday, 12 April**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 4

ALBION ROVERS (0) 0

Watson 2 (9, 44)

Thompson (49)

Campbell (90)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon, Bowie, Moyes, Watson, Thompson, Campbell

Substitutes: Jenkins, Smith – not used

**Albion Rovers:** McKeown, Conn, Deakin, Edgar, Gallacher (Grant 46), Green, Kasule, Rodgers, Paisley (Nolan 74), Morgan, Cleland

Mascots: Carol Shepherd (Dunfermline);

Derek Neaves (York)

Attendance: 2478

Referee: D. A. Yeats (Perth)

Yellow Cards: Morgan, Paisley (Albion Rovers)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	34	22	7	5	64	27	+37	51
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+31</b>	<b>48</b>
Queen's Park	36	19	8	9	59	34	+25	46
Meadowbank	35	15	11	9	60	43	+17	41

*A return to winning form for the promotion-chasing Fifers and it was their top scorer, Watson, who set them on their way with two left-foot shots in the first half.*

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**No. 34****Wednesday, 16 April**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 4

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0

Campbell (11)

Moyes (19)

Watson (53)

Adam o.g. (61)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon, Bowie (Jenkins 76), Moyes, Watson, Thompson, Campbell (Smith 76)

**St Johnstone:** Balavage, Duffy, Paterson, Millen, Liddell, Addison, Gibson, Johnstone, Lough, Thoms, Adam

Substitutes: Douglas, Fleming – not used

Mascot: Kerry Graham (Kirkcaldy)

Attendance: 2500

Referee: I. R. Cathcart (Bridge of Allan)

Yellow Cards: Gordon (Dunfermline);

Millen (St Johnstone)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	34	22	7	5	64	27	+37	51
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+35</b>	<b>50</b>
Queen's Park	36	19	8	9	59	34	+25	46
Meadowbank	36	16	11	9	62	44	+18	43

*The result was even more one-sided than the scoreline suggests as Dunfermline eased off after the fourth goal went in off Charlie Adam.*

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**No. 35****Saturday, 19 April**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 4

EAST STIRLING (0) 0

Thompson (37)

Hamilton (43)

Campbell (73)

Jenkins (83)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Gordon, Bowie (Smith 85), Moyes, Watson (Jenkins 83), Thompson, Campbell

**East Stirling:** Bowie, Laird, Leetion, Tollan, McKay, Gilchrist, Doig, Wylde (McDonald 71), Gaffney, McGonigal, McLindon (Barclay 71)

Mascot: Barry Gow (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 3298

Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)

Yellow Cards: Watson (Dunfermline);

McKay (East Stirling)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Queen of South	35	23	7	5	66	27	+39	53
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+39</b>	<b>52</b>
Queen's Park	37	19	8	10	59	35	+24	46
Meadowbank	37	17	11	9	65	45	+20	45

*Dunfermline was a town in celebration this weekend after their team clinched promotion.*

*The Pars 4-0 win over East Stirling, coupled with Queen's Park's defeat at the hands of Fife neighbours Cowdenbeath, was enough to ensure their place in the First Division.*

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**No. 36**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2  
Mitchell o.g. (46)  
Young (55)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie (Smith 74), Moyes, Watson, Thompson, Campbell (Jenkins 82)

**Arbroath:** Jackson, Mitchell, Hill, Mackie (Curran 70), Rodger, Lynch, Fotheringham, Bone, Torrance, McWalter, Brannigan  
Substitute: Taylor – not used

Mascot: Moira Varndell (Rosyth)

Attendance: 3000

Referee: H. Williamson (Renfrew)

Yellow Cards: Hill, Lynch (Arbroath)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+41</b>	<b>54</b>
Queen of South	36	23	7	6	66	30	+36	53
Queen's Park	37	19	8	10	59	35	+24	46
Meadowbank	37	17	11	9	65	45	+20	45

*Dunfermline took over top spot in Division Two last night with their fourth shut-out in succession.*

*The game was something of a farce as far as football skills were concerned because of the pitch. The ground was completely waterlogged after an entire day of rain.*

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**Tuesday, 22 April**

ARBROATH (0) 0

**No. 38**

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0

**Stenhousemuir:** Hamilton, Cairney, Meakin, Butler (McIntosh 75), Reid, Erwin, McComb, Bateman, Sinnet, McNaughton (Rodgers 65), Buchanan

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Robertson, Heddle, Bowie (Smith 83), Moyes, Watson, Thompson, Campbell (Jenkins 85)

Attendance: 2600

Referee: G. D. Cummings (Carluke)

No bookings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+45</b>	<b>57</b>
Queen of South	38	23	8	7	70	35	+35	54
Meadowbank	38	18	11	9	67	45	+22	47
Queen's Park	38	19	8	11	60	38	+22	46

*Dunfermline's goal-less draw with Stenhousemuir at Ochilview Park was enough to clinch the Second Division Championship – Cowdenbeath having drawn with Queen of the South.*

*The game was help up for 12 minutes at the start to allow the large crowd into the ground.*

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**No. 37**

BERWICK RANGERS (0) 0

**Saturday, 26 April**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 4

Watson (44)

Campbell 2 (50,73)

Moyes (65)

**Berwick Rangers:** Watson, Oliver, O'Donnell, Gavine, Marshall, Muir, McGovern, Romaines, Lough, Hamilton (Conroy 65), Cavanagh

Substitute: Gunn – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Heddle, Bowie (Jenkins 79), Moyes, Watson (Smith 79), Thompson, Campbell

Attendance: 1303

Referee: K. J. Hope (Clarkston)

No bookings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>+45</b>	<b>56</b>
Queen of South	37	23	7	7	67	32	+35	53
Meadowbank	38	18	11	9	67	45	+22	47
Queen's Park	38	19	8	11	60	37	+23	46

*Dunfermline crashed through the 100-goal barrier at Berwick on Saturday and, with title rivals Queen of the South losing, moved to within a whisker of the championship.*

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**Saturday, 3 May**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2

Campbell (38)

McCathie (87)

**No. 39**

STIRLING ALBION (0) 3

Irvine 2 (52,84)

McTeague (70)

**Stirling Albion:** Graham, Dawson, Spence, Aitchison, McTeague, Maxwell, Thompson, Ferguson, Irvine, Hoggan (Crawford 82), Ormond (Dwyer 78)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Young (Robertson 70), Gordon, Bowie (Smith 61), Moyes, Jenkins, Thompson, Campbell

Attendance: 2384

Referee: L. B. Thow (Ayr)

Yellow Card: Graham (Stirling Albion)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>+44</b>	<b>57</b>
Queen of South	39	23	9	7	71	36	+35	55
Meadowbank	39	19	11	9	68	45	+23	49
Queen's Park	39	19	8	12	61	39	+22	46

*Dunfermline Athletic are worthy – and welcome – Champions. It isn't all simply about moving up a grade today – it's as much about whether you will be an asset 'upstairs'. They certainly will be. In fact, I know some Premier League clubs are already hoping they take another step up next May because of their crowd potential.*

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# PARS MATCH STATISTICS SEASON 1985-86

Date	Opponents	Venue	Score	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
10/8	Arbroath	A	3-3	1,142	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Bowie 7	Jenkins 10
17/8	Berwick Rangers	H	4-2	1,971	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Jenkins 11	Bowie 7
19/8	Stenhousemuir (SkC)	H	4-0	2,581	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Smith 7	Jenkins 10
21/8	Morton (SkC)	A	2-2*	1,700	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Bowie 11	Jenkins 7
24/8	Queen's Park	A	1-3	1,010	Westwater	Robertson	Heddl	McCarthy	Young	Houston	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Bowie 6	Jenkins 11
31/8	Cowdenbeath	H	3-2	2,958	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Bowie 2	Jenkins 11
7/9	Queen of the South	A	0-0	1,102	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Bowie 7	Jenkins 11
14/9	Raith Rovers	H	3-3	3,119	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Smith 10	Campbell 11
24/9	St Johnstone	A	2-1	1,562	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Smith 5	Campbell 9
28/9	Stenhousemuir	H	3-2	2,298	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Smith 8	Campbell 9
5/10	Stranraer	A	3-1	900	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Robertson	Moyes	Campbell	Morrison	Jenkins	Smith 6	Bowie 9
12/10	Meadowbank	H	1-1	2,612	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Smith	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Bowie 9	Campbell 7
19/10	East Stirling	A	4-0	1,100	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Smith	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Houston 7	Campbell 9
26/10	Albion Rovers	H	6-0	2,386	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Smith 7	Houston 10
2/11	Stirling Albion	A	1-0	1,738	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Smith 3	Houston 7
9/11	Queen of the South	H	2-1	4,577	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Campbell	Houston 8
16/11	Raith Rovers	A	2-1	3,640	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Campbell	Houston 10
23/11	St Johnstone	H	4-0	4,245	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Campbell	Houston
7/12	Raith Rovers (SC)	H	2-0	5,558	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Houston	Campbell
14/12	Stranraer	H	1-0	2,830	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Houston	Campbell 7
21/12	Berwick Rangers	A	4-4	1,037	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Houston	Smith	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Campbell 10	Moyes
4/1	Threave Rovers (SC)	A	5-0	1,600	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Campbell	Houston	Gordon 6	Morrison 8
11/1	Queen's Park	H	3-2	2,772	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Campbell	Morrison	Watson	Moyes	Jenkins	Smith 7	Bowie 8
18/1	East Stirling	H	2-1	2,663	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Moyes	Jenkins	Morrison 8	Campbell
26/1	Hibernian (SC)	A	0-2	15,500	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Moyes	Jenkins	Morrison 7	Campbell 9
1/2	Stirling Albion	H	2-3	2,541	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Heddl	Campbell	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Houston 7	Smith 6
15/2	Raith Rovers	A	3-3	1,500	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Gordon	Campbell	Hamilton	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Houston 10	Pryde 7
5/3	Cowdenbeath	A	1-0	1,781	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Gordon	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Houston	Jenkins 9
8/3	Queen's Park	H	0-0	3,112	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Gordon	Smith	Moyes	Watson	Morrison	Campbell	Houston 10	Jenkins 11
12/3	Stenhousemuir	A	1-1	2,180	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Gordon	Connelly	Moyes	Watson	Houston	Jenkins	Morrison 6	Campbell 7
15/3	Cowdenbeath	A	2-0	1,500	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Gordon	Campbell	Moyes	Watson	Hamilton	Jenkins	Morrison	Houston
18/3	Meadowbank	A	2-2	1,600	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Gordon	Campbell	Moyes	Watson	Hamilton	Jenkins	Morrison 5	Houston
22/3	Arbroath	H	0-0	2,615	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Gordon	Campbell	Houston	Watson	Morrison	Jenkins	Bowie 7	Heddl



PARS MATCH STATISTICS SEASON 1985-86 (cont'd)

Date	Opponents	Venue	Score	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
29/3	Stranraer	H	4-1	2,602	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCathie	Young	Gordon	Bowie	Houston	Watson	Hamilton	Jenkins	Morrison 3	Campbell 7
31/3	Albion Rovers	A	3-0	1,320	Westwater	Robertson	Gordon	McCathie	Young	Heddlie	Bowie	Houston	Watson	Hamilton	Campbell	Pryde 7	Morrison 2
5/4	Queen of the South	A	1-3	5,150	Westwater	Robertson	Gordon	Wilson	Young	Heddlie	Bowie	Houston	Watson	Hamilton	Campbell	Moyes 8	Jenkins 11
8/4	Meadowbank	A	0-4	650	McAlpine	Robertson	Forrest	Wilson	Young	Gordon	Bowie	Thompson	Watson	Hamilton	Campbell	Jenkins 11	Moyes 4
12/4	Albion Rovers	H	4-0	2,478	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCathie	Young	Gordon	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Thompson	Campbell	Jenkins	Smith
16/4	St Johnstone	H	4-0	2,500	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCathie	Young	Gordon	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Thompson	Campbell	Jenkins 7	Smith 11
19/4	East Stirling	H	4-0	3,298	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCathie	Young	Gordon	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Thompson	Campbell	Jenkins 9	Smith 7
22/4	Arbroath	H	2-0	3,000	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCathie	Young	Heddlie	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Thompson	Campbell	Jenkins 11	Smith 7
26/4	Berwick Rangers	A	4-0	1,303	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCathie	Young	Heddlie	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Thompson	Campbell	Jenkins 7	Smith 9
29/4	Stenhousemuir	A	0-0	2,600	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCathie	Robertson	Heddlie	Bowie	Moyes	Watson	Thompson	Campbell	Jenkins 11	Smith 7
3/5	Stirling Albion	A	2-3	2,384	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCathie	Young	Gordon	Bowie	Moyes	Jenkins	Thompson	Campbell	Robertson 5	Smith 7

\*Morton won 4-3 on penalties

### Facts Behind the Statistics 1985-86

(a) first league title for sixty years; (b) a record number of points won by a Dunfermline team in a season in the 'new' Second Division - 57 (previous best 52); (c) a record number of goals scored by any team in 'new' Second Division - 91 (previous best by any team - 82; previous best by Dunfermline - 66); (d) a record number of goals conceded by any team winning 'new' Second Division Championship - 47 (previous highest - 44; previous highest by Dunfermline - 45); (e) best goal difference for any team completing a 39 game league programme in 'new' Second Division - +44 (previous best +39); (f) new record for successive games played without defeat by a Dunfermline team in any season - 17; (g) top league scorers in Britain for 1985-86 season - 91 goals; (h) team awarded the *Daily Record* prize for being first team, in Scotland, to score 100 goals during season; (i) Scotland's top scorer with 31 goals - John Watson (he received *Daily Record* Golden Shot Award for being first player to score 30 goals during 1985-86 season; (j) Ian Westwater received *Daily Record* award for having the highest number of shutouts during season - 20.

# Statistics – Season 1985/86

## APPEARANCES

## GOALSCORERS

Name	League	Skol Cup	Scottish Cup	Total	League	Skol Cup	Scottish Cup	Total
D. Young	38	2	3	43	3	—	—	3
I. Westwater	38	2	3	43	—	—	—	—
J. Watson	37	2	3	42	24	2	5	31
N. McCathie	37	2	3	42	8	—	—	8
R. Forrest	36	2	3	41	2	—	—	2
R. Hamilton	32	—	2	34	5	—	—	5
R. Robertson	27(1)	2	3	32(1)	—	—	—	—
I. Heddle	25 [1]	2	3	30 [1]	3	—	2	5
I. Campbell	24(9) [4]	2	1(1)[1]	27(10)[5]	15	3	—	18
S. Morrison	24(5) [1]	2	1(2)	27(7) [1]	5	—	—	5
G. Jenkins	23(14)[1]	—(2)	2	25(16)[1]	14	1	—	15
D. Moyes	23(2) [1]	2	2	27(2) [1]	2	—	—	2
J. Bowie	21(9)	1(1)	2	24(10)	2	—	—	2
I. Gordon	15	—	—(1)	15(1)	—	—	—	—
T. Smith	10(14)[1]	1(1)	1	12(15)[1]	3	—	—	3
G. Thompson	8	—	—	8	2	—	—	2
D. Houston	7 (8) [5]	—	1 [1]	8 (8) [6]	—	—	—	—
G. Wilson	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
G. Connelly	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
H. McAlpine	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
I. Pryde	—(2)	—	—	— (2)	—	—	—	—
Own goals (Filston, Stranraer; Adam, St Johnstone; Mitchell, Arbroath)					3	—	—	3
					91	6	7	104

Note: Figures in brackets ( ) denote number of playing appearances as substitute.

Figures in brackets [ ] denote number of non-playing appearances as substitute.

## FINE FARE SECOND DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

### 1985–86 Final League Positions

	Home						Away							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Dunfermline Athletic	39	14	4	1	52	18	9	7	4	39	29	+44	57	
Queen of the South	39	14	2	3	40	16	9	7	4	31	20	+35	55	
Meadowbank Thistle	39	11	7	2	39	20	8	4	7	29	25	+23	49	
Queen's Park	39	14	3	3	37	15	5	5	9	24	24	+22	46	
Stirling Albion	39	10	6	4	31	17	8	2	9	26	26	+14	44	
St Johnstone	39	11	3	6	37	23	7	3	9	26	32	+8	42	
Stenhousemuir	39	11	4	4	34	26	5	4	11	21	37	−8	40	
Arbroath	39	9	5	5	29	26	6	4	10	27	24	+5	39	
Raith Rovers	39	11	3	6	41	27	4	4	11	26	38	+2	37	
Cowdenbeath	39	9	4	7	32	26	5	5	9	20	27	−1	37	
East Stirlingshire	39	7	2	10	26	32	4	4	12	23	37	−20	28	
Berwick Rangers	39	5	9	6	25	33	2	2	15	20	47	−35	25	
Albion Rovers	39	4	5	10	19	34	4	3	13	19	52	−48	24	
Stranraer	39	5	1	13	21	38	4	4	12	20	45	−41	23	

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## Reserve League Fixtures 1985-6

**No. 1**

DUNFERMLINE 3  
Connelly (2)  
Jenkins

Whyte, Hamilton Arnott, Forsyth, Milne,  
McGinlay (Connelly 60), P. Pryde, Bowie,  
Jenkins, Houston, Callaghan  
Substitute: Forrest – not used

**Tuesday, 27 August**

EAST FIFE 2

**No. 6**

DUNFERMLINE 1  
Connelly

Whyte Hamilton, Trialist, Connelly, Forsyth,  
Hedde, Trialist (Irvine 61), Houston,  
Callaghan, Gordon, McGinley  
Substitute: Trialist – not used

**Tuesday, 15 October**

COWDENBEATH 1

**Reserve League Cup – Wednesday, 4 September  
1st Round**

DUNFERMLINE 1  
Callaghan

CLYDE 2

Westwater, Hamilton, Gordon (P. Pryde 46),  
Barrie, Forsyth, Connelly, Bowie, Houston,  
Jenkins, Callaghan (Irvine 61), McGinlay

**No. 7**

EAST FIFE 0

**Tuesday, 29 October**

DUNFERMLINE 1  
Callaghan

Whyte, Forsyth, Gordon, Houston, Trialist  
(Irvine 46), Trialist, Campbell, Connelly,  
Callaghan, McGinlay, Trialist  
Substitute: Trialist – not used

**No. 2**

DUNFERMLINE 3  
Jenkins (2)  
Campbell

**Wednesday, 11 September**

FALKIRK 1

Whyte, Hamilton (Morrison 75), Gordon,  
Forsyth, Trialist, Connelly, Campbell, Houston,  
Jenkins, Hedde, McGinlay (P. Pryde 82)

**No. 8**

DUNFERMLINE 0

**Tuesday, 5 November**

EAST STIRLING 1

Trialist, Hedde, Trialist, Forsyth, Trialist  
(McGinlay 64), Connelly, Smith, Houston,  
Campbell, Callaghan, Trialist (Irvine 73)

**No. 3**

RAITH ROVERS 2

**Wednesday, 18 September**

DUNFERMLINE 4

Smith (2)  
Callaghan (2)

Whyte, Moyes, Gordon, Forsyth, Hedde,  
Smith, Callaghan, Connelly (Irvine 35),  
Campbell, Grant (P. Pryde 74), McGinlay

**No. 9**

FALKIRK 1

**Monday, 11 November**

DUNFERMLINE 0

Trialist, Trialist, Trialist, Connelly, Trialist,  
Forsyth, Smith, Houston, Callaghan, McGinlay,  
Irvine (Trialist No. 12, 55)

Substitute: Trialist No. 14 – not used

**No. 4**

STENHOUSEMUIR 1

**Monday, 30 September**

DUNFERMLINE 1

Trialist (No. 11)

McGregor, Robertson, Trialist, Forsyth, Trialist  
McGinlay, Irvine (P. Pryde 71), Houston,  
Callaghan, Gordon, Trialist  
Substitute: Trialist – not used

**No. 10**

DUNFERMLINE 1

Connelly

**Monday, 18 November**

RAITH ROVERS 1

Trialist (Callaghan 30), Trialist, Gordon,  
Connelly, Trialist, Trialist, Trialist (Trialist 75),  
Houston, Smith, Campbell, McGinlay

**No. 5**

DUNFERMLINE 1  
Bowie

**Tuesday, 8 October**

STIRLING ALBION 1

Whyte, Robertson, Trialist, Houston, Trialist,  
Forsyth, Bowie (McGinlay 72), Connelly,  
Callaghan, Gordon, Trialist  
Substitute: Irvine – not used

**No. 11**

ST JOHNSTONE 2

**Monday, 25 November**

DUNFERMLINE 2  
Campbell (pen)  
Paterson o.g.

Whyte, Moyes, Gordon, Connelly (Trialist 55),  
Trialist, Trialist, Campbell, Houston, Callaghan  
Smith, McGinlay  
Substitute: Jenkins – not used

**No. 12** **Monday, 9 December**  
STIRLING ALBION 5 DUNFERMLINE 0

Trialist, Moyes, Gordon, Wilson, Trialist, Houston, Smith, Connelly, Callaghan (Trialist No. 14, 60), Trialist, McGinlay (Trialist No. 12, 74)

**No. 13** **Tuesday, 17 December**  
DUNFERMLINE 1 STENHOUSEMUIR 1  
Heddle

Whyte, Moyes, Heddle, Houston, Trialist, Wilson, Campbell, Connelly, Smith (Callaghan 80), Gordon, McGinlay (Trialist No. 14, 71)

**No. 14** **Monday, 23 December**  
DUNFERMLINE 2 ST JOHNSTONE 0  
Campbell  
Wilson

Westwater, Hamilton, Heddle, Moyes, Trialist, Wilson, Campbell (Callaghan 69), Connelly, Smith, Gordon, McGinlay (Trialist 70)

**No. 15** **Monday, 13 January**  
EAST STIRLING 0 DUNFERMLINE 1  
Gordon

McGregor, Trialist, Thomson, Wilson, Trialist, Gordon, Bowie, Houston, Smith (Grant 40), Connelly (Trialist 70), McGinlay

**No. 16** **Wednesday, 15 January**  
COWDENBEATH 1 DUNFERMLINE 0

Whyte, Trialist, Trialist, Wilson, Trialist, Gordon, Trialist, Houston, Callaghan, Connelly, McGinlay  
Substitute: Trialist – not used

**No. 17** **Monday, 10 March**  
DUNFERMLINE 1 FALKIRK 1  
Connelly

Whyte, Hamilton, Trialist, Wilson, Trialist, Houston (Jenkins 46), I. Pryde, Connelly, Heddle, McGinlay, Trialist (Trialist 46)

**No. 18** **Monday, 17 March**  
RAITH ROVERS 1 DUNFERMLINE 1  
I. Pryde

Trialist, Trialist, Trialist, Wilson, Trialist, Heddle, Bowie (Trialist No. 12, 46), Connelly, Trialist (Trialist No. 14 70), I. Pryde, McGinlay

**No. 19** **Monday, 24 March**  
DUNFERMLINE 3 ST JOHNSTONE 1  
I. Pryde 2 (1 pen)

Trialist

Whyte, Hamilton, Trialist, Trialist, Trialist, Trialist (Trialist No. 14, 73), Bowie (Trialist No. 12, 65), Connelly, I. Pryde, Heddle, McGinlay

**No. 20** **Monday, 7 April**  
DUNFERMLINE 1 STIRLING ALBION 1  
McGinlay  
[Played at Stirling]

Trialist, Forrest (Trialist No. 14, 46), Trialist, Moyes, Trialist, McGinlay, Smith, Connelly, I. Pryde, Morrison, Thompson (Trialist No. 12 46)

**No. 21** **Thursday, 10 April**  
STENHOUSEMUIR 5 DUNFERMLINE 1  
I. Pryde

Trialist, Trialist, Trialist, Thompson, Heddle (Trialist No. 12, 30), Connelly, Smith, Morrison, I. Pryde, Houston (Trialist No. 14, 71), McGinlay

**No. 22** **Monday, 14 April**  
EAST STIRLING 1 DUNFERMLINE 1  
Jenkins

Trialist, Trialist, Heddle, Wilson, Trialist, Houston, I. Pryde, Connelly (Thompson 65), Jenkins (Trialist 71), McGinlay, Smith

**No. 23** **Monday, 28 April**  
COWDENBEATH 1 DUNFERMLINE 4  
Jenkins (2)  
Smith  
I. Pryde

Whyte, Trialist, Gordon, Wilson, Trialist, McGinlay, Connelly, Trialist, Smith (Trialist 46), Jenkins, I. Pryde  
Substitute: Houston – not used

**No. 24** **Thursday, 1 May**  
DUNFERMLINE 5 EAST FIFE 2  
Trialist (No. 6)

Jenkins  
Connelly (2)  
Trialist (No. 14)

Whyte, Trialist, Gordon, Wilson, Watson, Trialist (Trialist No. 14, 55), Jenkins (McGinlay 46), Connelly, Trialist, Houston, I. Pryde

## Reserve Fixtures – Season 1985/86

### Scottish Reserve League (East)

Date	Comp	Venue	Opposition	Score
27/8/85	L	H	East Fife	3–2
4/9/85	RLC	H	Clyde	1–2
11/9/85	L	H	Falkirk	3–1
18/9/85	L	A	Raith Rovers	4–2
30/9/85	L	A	Stenhousemuir	1–1
8/10/85	L	H	Stirling Albion	1–1
15/10/85	L	H	Cowdenbeath	1–1
29/10/85	L	A	East Fife	1–0
5/11/85	L	H	East Stirlingshire	0–1
11/11/85	L	A	Falkirk	0–1
18/11/85	L	H	Raith Rovers	1–1
25/11/85	L	A	St Johnstone	2–2
9/12/85	L	A	Stirling Albion	0–5
17/12/85	L	H	Stenhousemuir	1–1
23/12/85	L	H	St Johnstone	2–0
13/1/86	L	A	East Stirlingshire	1–0
15/1/86	L	A	Cowdenbeath	0–1

### Reserve Supplementary League (East)

Date	Comp	Venue	Opposition	Score
10/3/86	L	H	Falkirk	1–1
17/3/86	L	A	Raith Rovers	1–1
24/3/86	L	H	St Johnstone	3–1
7/4/86	L	A	Stirling Albion	1–1
10/4/86	L	A	Stenhousemuir	1–5
14/4/86	L	A	East Stirlingshire	1–1
28/4/86	L	A	Cowdenbeath	4–1
1/5/86	L	H	East Fife	5–2

### Goalscorers

- 7 Connelly and Jenkins.  
 5 I. Pryde (1 pen.).  
 4 Callaghan and Trialists.  
 3 Smith and Campbell (1 pen.).  
 1 Bowie, Heddle, Wilson, Gordon,  
 McGinlay and own goal.

### Scottish Reserve League (East)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stenhousemuir	16	6	6	4	31	20	18
<b>Dunfermline Athletic</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>
St Johnstone	16	6	5	5	31	30	17
Falkirk	16	8	1	7	28	28	17
Cowdenbeath	16	6	4	6	32	22	16
Stirling Albion	16	4	7	5	30	29	15
Raith Rovers	16	5	5	6	19	21	15
East Fife	16	6	3	7	26	34	15
East Stirling	16	6	1	9	28	40	15

### Reserve Supplementary League (East)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stenhousemuir	8	5	1	2	20	14	11
<b>Dunfermline Athletic</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>
Stirling Albion	8	3	3	2	10	10	9
East Fife	8	3	3	2	13	15	9
East Stirling	8	2	4	2	9	7	8
St Johnstone	8	4	0	4	12	12	8
Falkirk	8	3	1	4	18	18	7
Raith Rovers	8	1	5	2	9	9	7
Cowdenbeath	8	1	1	6	10	19	3



## Scottish Fine-Fare League – First Division/Skol Cup/Scottish Cup Season 1986–7

**No. 1** **Saturday, 9 August**  
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1      FORFAR ATHLETIC (0) 0  
Watson (29)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Thompson, Smith (Bowie 88), Moyes, Watson, McCall, Ferguson (Campbell 72)

**Forfar Athletic:** Kennedy, Bennett (Farningham 67), McPhee, Morris, McKillop, Lennox (MacDonald 46), Ward, Lorimer, Scott, Brewster, Clark

Mascots: Duncan Stewart (Oakley);  
Jonathan and Martin Neil (Darlington)

Attendance: 3294

Referee: I. R. Cathcart (Bridge of Allan)

Yellow Cards: Moyes (Dunfermline);

Clark, McPhee (Forfar)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Kilmarnock	1	1	0	0	4	1	+3	2
Morton	1	1	0	0	3	0	+3	2
Dumbarton	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	2
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>2</b>
Airdrie	1	0	1	0	0	0	-	1

*A half-time tongue-lashing by manager Jim Leishman left Dunfermline Athletic players in no doubt what was expected of them on their return to First Division football.*

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**No. 2** **Wednesday, 13 August**  
DUMBARTON (0) 0      DUNFERMLINE (0) 1  
Montgomerie o.g. (66)

**Dumbarton:** Arthur, Montgomerie, Curran, Clougherty, McCahill, T. Coyle, Moore, McGowan, Bourke, McIvor (O. Coyle 79), Grant (McCoy 72)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Thompson, Smith (Morrison 80), Moyes, Watson, McCall, Ferguson (Campbell 76)

Attendance: 1500

Referee: J. Kelly (East Kilbride)

Yellow Cards: Montgomerie (Dumbarton);  
Thompson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+2</b>	<b>4</b>
Airdrie	2	1	1	0	4	0	+4	3
Kilmarnock	2	1	1	0	6	3	+3	3
Morton	2	1	1	0	5	2	+3	3

*Dunfermline continued their successful start to the season at Boghead last night when an own goal by Dumbarton gave them full points.*

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**No. 3** **Saturday, 16 August**  
MORTON (0) 0      DUNFERMLINE (0) 1  
McCathie (76)

**Morton:** Wylie, O'Hara, Holmes, Hunter, Doak, Turner, Robertson, Clinging, McNeil (Coyle 80), Alexander, Simpson (Boag 44)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Thompson, Smith, Moyes, Watson, McCall, Ferguson

Substitutes: Campbell, Morrison – not used

Attendance: 3000

Referee: M. Delaney (Cleland)

Yellow Cards: O'Hara, Alexander (Morton)

Ferguson, Watson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>6</b>
Airdrie	3	2	1	0	5	0	+5	5
Montrose	3	1	2	0	5	3	+2	4
Queen of South	3	1	2	0	2	0	+2	4

*These Pars will take some stopping, although Morton were a shade unlucky to lose both points.*

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**Skol Cup – 2nd round** **Wednesday 20 August**  
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0      ST MIRREN (1) 2  
McGarvey (33,63)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson (Morrison 17), Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Thompson, Smith, Moyes, Watson, McCall (Campbell 71), Ferguson

**St Mirren:** Money, Clarke, Abercromby, Bell, Godfrey, Cooper, Hamilton (Winnie 55), Lambert, McGarvey (McDowall 82), Speirs, Gallacher

Mascot: Martin Bennet (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 6161

Referee: D. A. Yeats (Perth)

Yellow Cards: Morrison (Dunfermline);  
Godfrey, Cooper (St Mirren)

*Dunfermline were not able to produce anything of the attacking form which has seen them win their first three games in the First Division.*

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**No. 4**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 2

McCall (4)

Watson (12)

**Saturday, 23 August**

CLYDE (0) 0

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Thompson, Smith (Morrison 77), Moyes, Watson, McCall, Ferguson (Campbell 46)

**Clyde:** Atkins, Napier, Dickson, Ferguson, Flexney, Murray, Reilly, Logan (Miller 57), Watters, Evans, Murphy (Willock 64)

Mascot: Scott Rylance (Dunbar)

Attendance: 3530

Referee: R. B. Valentine (Dundee)

No bookings

Match Sponsor: Aluglaze (Fife) Ltd

Man-of-the-Match: Ian McCall

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+5</b>	<b>8</b>
Airdrie	4	2	2	0	6	1	+5	6
Morton	4	2	1	1	10	5	+5	5
Kilmarnock	4	2	1	1	10	6	+4	5
Queen of South	4	1	3	0	3	1	+2	5

*There's just no stopping this energetic Dunfermline side.* Sunday Post

**No. 5**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2

Morrison (85)

Watson (88)

**Saturday, 30 August**

EAST FIFE (3) 4

McNaughton 2 (21,33)

Burgess (44)

Hill (83)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Thompson, Smith (Morrison 65), Moyes (Jenkins 65), Watson, McCall, Campbell

**Cowdenbeath:** Marshall, Connor, Gray, Hill, Burgess, McLaren, Blair, McCafferty, McNaughton, Kirkwood, Hunter (Mitchell 64)

Substitute: Burns – not used

Mascot: Stewart Hughes (Aberdour)

Attendance: 4448

Referee: G. D. Cumming (Carluke)

Yellow Cards: Thompson, Leishman (Dunfermline)

Match Sponsor: A. S. Pitblado (Plumbing/Heating Engineers)

Man-of-the-Match: Gary Thompson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Airdrie	5	3	2	0	8	2	+6	8
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>8</b>
Queen of South	5	2	3	0	5	2	+3	7
Dumbarton	5	3	0	2	8	5	+3	6

*East Fife broke the hosts' proud defensive record in fine style to win this Fife derby.* Sunday Post

**No. 6**

KILMARNOCK (1) 1

Cook (44)

**Saturday, 6 September**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2

Jenkins (16)

Forrest (86)

**Kilmarnock:** McCulloch, McLean, McLeod, Robertson, Martin, R. Clarke, McGivern, McCafferty (McGuire 58), Cook, J. Clarke, Bryson

Substitute: Miller – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Waddell, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Heddle, Morrison, Thompson, Watson, McCall (Smith 88), Jenkins (Campbell 85)

Attendance: 2700

Referee: D. F. T. Syme (Rutherglen)

Red Cards: Waddell (Dunfermline)

Yellow Card: Bryson (Kilmarnock)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Airdrie	6	4	2	0	9	2	+7	10
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>+4</b>	<b>10</b>
Dumbarton	6	4	0	2	11	6	+5	8
Queen of South	6	2	4	0	6	3	+3	8

*Dunfermline are hanging on in there as joint leaders of the First Division alongside Airdrie. A 2-1 win at Kilmarnock is a good show at any time – and particularly good for the Pars after last week's 4-2 defeat by East Fife.* The Courier

**No. 7**

BRECHIN CITY (1) 1

Kennedy (13)

**Saturday, 13 September**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 4

Heddle 2 (16,71)

McCall (34)

Watson (82)

**Brechin City:** Martin, Watt, Scott, Brown, Fleming, Taylor, Gallacher, Kennedy (D. Lees 60), Powell, Lyall, Crawley (G. Lees 70)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Thompson, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Heddle, Smith (Campbell 46), Morrison, Watson (Bowie 88), McCall, Jenkins

Attendance: 1000

Referee: A. M. Roy (Aberdeen)

Yellow Cards: Lyall, Fleming, Taylor (Brechin); Forrest, Smith (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Airdrie	7	5	2	0	12	4	+8	12
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>+7</b>	<b>12</b>
Dumbarton	7	5	0	2	12	6	+6	10
Queen of South	7	3	4	0	8	3	+5	10

*Dunfermline proved not only to be one of the slickest sides to visit Glebe Park, but also one of the best supported, with almost 1000 fans to watch them in control throughout, despite losing the first goal.* Sunday Post

## No. 8

Tuesday, 16 September

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2

PARTICK THISTLE (0) 0

Jenkins (18)

Donnelly o.g. (78)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Thompson, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Heddle, Hamilton, Morrison, Watson, McCall, Jenkins

Substitutes: Campbell, Bowie – not used

**Partick Thistle:** Brough, Spittal, Walker, McIntyre, Carson, Watson, Mackie (Gallacher), Newman, Smith (Mullen), McDonald, Donnelly N.B. No substitution times available for Partick Thistle

Mascot: Ross McPherson (Inverkeithing)

Attendance: 3852

Referee: D. Miller (Garrowhill)

No bookings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	8	7	0	1	15	6	+9	14
Airdrie	8	5	3	0	13	5	+8	13
Dumbarton	8	5	0	3	13	8	+5	10
Queen of South	8	3	4	1	10	8	+2	10

*Joint top with Airdrie before last night's kick-off, the Pars two points made them outright leaders after the Diamonds could only draw with Clyde.*

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## No. 9

Saturday, 20 September

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 1

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

J. Robertson (10 pen)

Morrison (54)

**Queen of the South:** Williams, G. Robertson, Sim, Hetherington, Anderson, McBride, Reid, Cochran (Maskrey 60), Bryce, Cloy, J. Robertson

Substitute: Mills – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Hamilton, Forrest, McCathie, Reid, Heddle (Waddell 46), Morrison, Thompson, Campbell, McCall, Jenkins (Ferguson 67)

Attendance: 4000

Referee: J. McCluskey (Stewarton)

No bookings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Airdrie	9	6	3	0	16	6	+10	15
<b>Dunfermline</b>	9	7	1	1	16	7	+9	15
Queen of South	9	3	5	1	11	9	+2	11
East Fife	9	4	3	2	15	14	+1	11

*Dunfermline were rewarded when Steve Morrison scored a cracking equaliser from the edge of the box after good work by McCall.*

Sunday Post

## No. 10

Saturday, 27 September

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

AIRDRIEONIAN (0) 0

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Forrest, Heddle, McCathie, Reid, Donnelly, Thompson, Morrison, Watson, McCall (Bowie 73), Jenkins  
Substitute: Ferguson – not used

**Airdrie:** Martin, McKinnon, Black, McKeown, McCormack, Lindsay, Frye, Fairlie, Flood, Walker, Christie

Substitutes: Rodger, Templeton – not used

Mascot: Barry Foster (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 5788

Referee: L. B. Thow (Ayr)

Yellow Cards: Heddle (Dunfermline);

McKinnon (Airdrie)

Match Sponsor: Dunfermline Ford Autocentre

Man-of-the-Match: Norrie McCathie

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Airdrie	10	6	4	0	16	6	+10	16
<b>Dunfermline</b>	10	7	2	1	16	7	+9	16
Queen of South	10	4	5	1	15	12	+3	13
Dumbarton	10	6	0	4	16	11	+5	12

*The Fifers can have no complaint about their lack of goals. Apart from a soft Donnelly free-kick into the goalkeeper's arms, they failed to land a shot on target.*

Sunday Post

## No. 11

Tuesday, 30 September

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1

MONTROSE (0) 0

Watson (33)

**Dunfermline:** Whyte, Forrest, Heddle, McCathie, Reid, Donnelly, Bowie (McCall 80), Hamilton, Watson, Thompson, Jenkins  
Substitute: Ferguson – not used

**Montrose:** Charles, Barr, McClelland, Brown, Sheran, Lyons, Allan (Forbes), Bennett, Paterson, Wright, MacDonald (Murray)

N.B. No substitution times available for Montrose

Mascot: Colin Feeney (Rosyth)

Attendance: 3498

Referee: M. McGinley (Clydebank)

Yellow Cards: Sheran, Wright, Brown (Montrose)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	11	8	2	1	17	7	+10	18
Airdrie	11	6	4	1	17	8	+9	16
Dumbarton	11	7	0	4	19	12	+7	14
Queen of South	11	4	5	2	16	15	+1	13

*The goal that settled what was a tough tackling affair, came in 33 minutes and what a cracker it was. Jim Bowie was the creator, striding down the wing before crossing perfectly for John Watson to head home past keeper Ray Charles.*

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**No. 12**

FORFAR ATHLETIC (2) 3  
MacDonald 3 (20 pen, 43, 75)

**Saturday, 4 October**

DUNFERMLINE (2) 3  
Hamilton (29)  
Watson (40)  
McCathie (83)

**Forfar Athletic:** Moffat, Bennett, McPhee, Morris, McKillop, Clark, Brewster, Lorimer (Ward 73), Scott, Bell, MacDonald  
Substitute: Lennox – not used

**Dunfermline:** Whyte, Forrest, Heddle, McCathie, Reid, Donnelly, Bowie (McCall 71), Thompson, Watson, Hamilton, Jenkins  
Substitute: Ferguson – not used

Attendance: 1892

Referee: K. J. Hope (Clarkston)

Yellow Cards: MacDonald (Forfar);

Heddle (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>19</b>
Airdrie	12	6	4	2	18	11	+7	16
Dumbarton	12	7	1	4	21	14	+7	15
Queen of South	12	5	5	2	19	16	+3	15

*McCathie equalised in the 83rd minute from Jenkins' cross to climax a thrilling and entertaining game.*

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**No. 13**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

**Wednesday, 8 October**

DUMBARTON (0) 1  
McCoy (71)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Forrest, Heddle, McCathie, Reid, Donnelly, Bowie (McCall 73), Thompson (Ferguson 80), Watson, Hamilton, Jenkins

**Dumbarton:** Stevenson, Docherty, Montgomerie, Martin, McCahill, T. Coyle, Moore, Kay, Houston (McGowan 60), McCoy, O. Coyle (Grant 75)

Mascot: Darryl Falls (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 4161

Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)

Yellow Cards: Watson, Reid (Dunfermline); McCahill (Dumbarton)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>+9</b>	<b>19</b>
Airdrie	13	7	4	2	20	12	+8	18
Dumbarton	13	8	1	4	22	14	+8	17
Morton	13	7	2	4	28	19	+9	16
Queen of South	13	5	6	2	20	17	+3	16

*There was a large crowd of 4161 at East End Park who hoped to see the Fifers increase their three-point lead at the top of the First Division but it wasn't to be.*

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**No. 14**

CLYDE (1) 1  
Murphy (41)

**Saturday, 11 October**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

**Clyde:** Atkins, McFarlane, Napier, Tait, Flexney, McDowell, Murphy (Miller 80), Logan, Watters, Evans, Lloyd  
Substitute: Willock – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Forrest, Heddle (McCall 56), McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Bowie (Ferguson 56), Thompson, Watson, Hamilton, Jenkins

Attendance: 1665

Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)

No bookings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Dumbarton	14	9	1	4	27	17	+10	19
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>19</b>
Airdrie	14	7	4	3	20	15	+5	18
Queen of South	14	5	7	2	21	18	+3	17

*People will say our bubble has burst, but we have worked so hard to get where we are there's no way it will stop now.*

Jim Leishman talking to the Courier

**No. 15**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1  
Donnelly (29)

**Saturday, 18 October**

MORTON (1) 1  
Clinging (21)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson (Bowie 84), Morrison, Watson, McCall (Ferguson 68), Jenkins

**Morton:** Bruce, O'Hara, Holmes, Hunter, Doak, Clinging, Robertson, Richardson, Alexander, Turner, McNeill  
Substitutes: Coyle, Boag – not used

Mascots: Graeme Inglis (Dunfermline);

Barry John Nelson (Rosyth)

Attendance: 3741

Referee: J. F. McGilvray (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Watson (Dunfermline);

Hunter, Bruce (Morton)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Dumbarton	15	10	1	4	29	18	+11	21
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>+8</b>	<b>20</b>
Airdrie	15	7	4	4	21	17	+4	18
Morton	15	7	3	5	31	23	+8	17
Queen of South	15	5	7	3	22	20	+2	17

*The hosts countered the superior ability of the visitors by sheer effort and commitment which together with a few controversial decisions by referee McGilvray, had the fans in full voice all afternoon.*

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**No. 16****Saturday, 25 October**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 4

BRECHIN CITY (0) 0

Jenkins (6)

Watson 2 (46,74)

Ferguson (77)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Connelly (McCall 78), Watson, Ferguson, Jenkins

Substitute: Bowie – not used

**Brechin City:** Martin, Watt, Fleming (Lees 72), Brown, Steven, Lyall, Lytwyn, Adam (Gallacher 53), Powell, Scott, Perry

Mascot: James Penman (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 3159

Referee: P. Hanley (Coatbridge)

Yellow Cards: Stevens, Lyall (Brechin)

Match Sponsor: Alexander Morton (Timber) Ltd

Man-of-the-Match: Grant Jenkins

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>22</b>
Dumbarton	16	10	1	5	29	19	+10	21
East Fife	16	6	6	4	27	24	+3	18
Airdrie	16	7	4	5	21	19	+2	18

*Dunfermline re-claimed the leadership with an excellent 4-0 win over revitalised Brechin at East End Park. Goals from Jenkins, Watson (2) and Ferguson secured Pars' first win in five outings.*

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**No. 17****Wednesday, 29 October**

PARTICK THISTLE (0) 0

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

Watson (77)

**Partick Thistle:** Brough, Spittal (Gallacher), Workman, Cairns, Carson, Watson, Law, Herd, West, Mackie (Kelly 80), McDonald

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Connelly (Campbell 83), Watson, Ferguson (McCall 85), Jenkins

N.B. No substitution time available for Gallacher of Partick Thistle

Attendance: 2579

Referee: W. N. Crombie (Edinburgh)

Yellow Card: Herd (Partick Thistle)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>24</b>
Dumbarton	17	11	1	5	31	19	+12	23
Morton	17	8	3	6	34	25	+9	19
East Fife	17	6	7	4	29	26	+3	19

*Thistle came close to getting a share of the spoils in a grandstand finish but a truly superb save by Westwater stopped a rocket shot from Herd.*

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**No. 18****Saturday, 1 November**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1

KILMARNOCK (0) 0

Donnelly (31 pen)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly (Morrison 61), Thompson, Connelly, Watson, Ferguson, Jenkins (McCall 76)

**Kilmarnock:** Holland, Millar, Robertson, Clark, Martin, Docherty (MacLeod 75), J. Clark (McConville 85), McLean, Harkness, McGivern, McGuire

Mascot: Anne Shepherd (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 4179

Referee: W. P. Knowles (Inverurie)

Yellow Cards: R. Clark, Docherty (Kilmarnock)

Match Sponsor: Gray's Power Tools

Man-of-the-Match: Ian Westwater

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>26</b>
Dumbarton	18	11	1	6	32	22	+10	23
Morton	18	8	4	6	35	26	+11	20
East Fife	18	6	8	4	30	27	+3	20

*Dunfermline's John Donnelly limped off just after the break, but his contribution up to that point had been priceless.*

Sunday Post

**No. 19****Saturday, 8 November**

EAST FIFE (1) 2

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

McCafferty (37)

Young (77)

Blair (64)

**East Fife:** Marshall, Connor, Conroy, Kirkwood, Inglis, Burgess, McNaughton (Hunter 57), Mitchell, Smith, McCafferty, Blair

Substitute: Pittman – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest (Morrison 11), McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Connelly (McCall 69), Watson, Ferguson, Jenkins

Attendance: 3843

Referee: H. Gould (Markinch)

Yellow Cards: Connor, McCafferty (East Fife); Watson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>26</b>
Dumbarton	19	12	1	6	34	23	+11	25
East Fife	19	7	8	4	32	28	+4	22
Morton	19	8	4	7	36	28	+8	20
Airdrie	19	8	4	7	24	23	+1	20

*I thought we deserved a draw but its goals that matter.*

Jim Leishman interviewed by The Courier

**No. 20 Saturday, 15 November**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (2) 2  
 Watson (90 secs) Bryce 2 (11,21)  
 Ferguson (75)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Heddle, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Connelly (Morrison 63), Watson, Ferguson, Jenkins (McCall 68)

**Queen of the South:** Davidson, G. Robertson, Sim, Mills, Anderson, McBride, Reid, Cochrane (Maskrey 72), Bryce, Cloy, J. Robertson

Substitute: Hetherington – not used

Mascot: Stewart Moyes (Townhill)

Attendance: 4013

Referee: D. D. Hope (Erskine)

Yellow Cards: Thompson (Dunfermline);

Sim, Cloy (Queen of the South)

Match Sponsor: Blyth & Blyth Consulting Engineers

Man-of-the-Match: John Watson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>+13</b>	<b>27</b>
Dumbarton	20	12	2	6	35	24	+11	26
East Fife	20	7	9	4	35	31	+4	23
Morton	20	9	4	7	39	28	+11	22

*The game began with a virtual siege of the visitors goal area.* Sunday Post

**No. 21 Saturday, 22 November**

AIRDRIEONIANS (2) 3 DUNFERMLINE (0) 0  
 Flood 2 (14,43)  
 McCabe (71)

**Airdrie:** Martin, McKeown, Black, McCormack (Maxwell 76), Lawrie, Lindsay, Hughes, Docherty, McCabe, Templeton (Walker 73), Flood

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Morrison, Watson, Ferguson (Connelly 79), Jenkins (Smith 64)

Attendance: 1800

Referee: A. M. Roy (Aberdeen)

Yellow Cards: McCormack, Lawrie (Airdrie)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Dumbarton	21	12	3	6	35	24	+11	27
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>27</b>
East Fife	21	7	10	4	35	31	+4	24
Morton	21	9	5	7	39	28	+11	23

*The Pars were by no means out of it, however, and with a very strong wind in their favour after the break, they were unlucky when Donnelly, Watson and Young all came close.* Sunday Post

**No. 22 Saturday, 29 November**

MONTROSE (0) 0 DUNFERMLINE (1) 2  
 Watson (42)  
 Hamilton (70)

**Montrose:** Charles, Wright, McLelland, Brown, Sheran, Walls, Allan, Lyons, Paterson (Murray), Duffy (Forbes), McDonald

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Hamilton (Thompson 82), Morrison, Watson, McCall, Jenkins (Smith 87)

N.B. No substitution times available for Montrose

Attendance: 1200

Referee: K. F. O'Donnell (Airdrie)

Red Card: Wright (Montrose)

Yellow Card: Allan (Montrose)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+12</b>	<b>29</b>
Dumbarton	22	12	4	6	36	25	+11	28
Morton	22	10	5	7	41	29	+12	25
East Fife	22	7	11	4	36	32	+4	25

*Dunfermline's accuracy in front of goal was the difference between the sides.* Sunday Post

**No. 23 Saturday, 6 December**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 FORFAR ATHLETIC (0) 0  
 Watson (65)  
 Morrison (87)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Hamilton, Morrison, Watson, McCall (Ferguson 72), Jenkins (Thompson 84)

**Forfar Athletic:** Kennedy, Lorimer, McPhee, Morris, Smith, Hamill, Ward, M. Bennett, Clark, Bell (Cormack 68), MacDonald  
 Substitute: Brewster – not used

Mascot: Barry Duffy (Dunfermline);

Attendance: 3353

Referee: D. F. T. Syme (Rutherglen)

Yellow Cards: Lorimer, Smith (Forfar)

Match Sponsor: Messrs. Sherman (Lumphinnans Post Office), Feeney (Newmills General Store), McAllister (Langs Whisky) and Greenhorn (Touch Video)

Man-of-the-Match: Steve Morrison

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>31</b>
Dumbarton	23	13	4	6	38	25	+13	30
Morton	23	11	5	7	44	31	+13	27
East Fife	23	8	11	4	38	33	+5	27

*It's great. We are in the driving seat at the moment and able to provide good entertainment for the fans, which is very important.*

Jim Leishman interviewed by The Courier



**No. 24****Saturday, 13 December**DUMBARTON (1) 1  
Houston (41)DUNFERMLINE (1) 2  
McCall (9)  
McCathie (81)**Dumbarton:** Arthur, Kay, Traynor, Martin (Docherty 64), McCahill, T. Coyle, McGovern, Rooney, Houston, McCoy, O. Coyle (Grant 56)**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Hamilton (Thompson 65), Morrison, Watson, McCall (Ferguson 65), Jenkins

Attendance: 4000

Referee: K. F. O'Donnell (Airdrie)

Yellow Card: Watson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>33</b>
Dumbarton	24	13	4	7	39	27	+12	30
Morton	24	11	5	8	44	33	+11	27
East Fife	24	8	11	5	39	35	+4	27

*A real glory day for Dunfermline and a personal triumph for iron man Norrie McCathie whose goal gave the Fifers two priceless points.*

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**No. 25****Saturday, 27 December**MORTON (2) 2  
Cowie (31)  
McNeil (45)DUNFERMLINE (1) 2  
McCall (44)  
McCathie (90)**Morton:** Wylie, Cowie, Holmes, Hunter, Doak, McNamara, Robertson, O'Hara, Alexander, McNeil (Turner 75), Clinging

Substitute: Boag – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Morrison, Thompson, Ferguson, McCall (Campbell 65), Jenkins

Substitute: Hamilton – not used

Attendance: 3200

Referee: D. D. Hope (Erskine)

Red Card: Doak (Morton)

Yellow Cards: O'Hara (Morton);

Forrest, Morrison, Thompson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>34</b>
Morton	26	12	6	8	49	36	+13	30
Dumbarton	26	13	4	9	39	29	+10	30
East Fife	26	9	12	5	40	35	+5	30

*A really tense second half climaxed with Dunfermline equalising through McCathie. He was in line to touch home a loose ball following a Young header which rebounded from the bar.*

Sunday Post

**No. 26****Thursday 1 January**DUNFERMLINE (1) 1  
Jenkins (28)EAST FIFE (0) 1  
Jenkins o.g. (49)**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly (Hamilton 46), Thompson, Morrison, Ferguson, Jenkins, McCall

Substitute: Campbell – not used

**East Fife:** Marshall, Connor, Conroy (McLaren 40), McCafferty, Halley, Burgess, Perry (Stead 72), Kirkwood, Hunter, Mitchell, Blair

Mascot: Alan Patrick (Inverkeithing)

Attendance: 4956

Referee: D. T. McVicar (Carluke)

Yellow Cards: McCathie, Thompson, Westwater, Ferguson (Dunfermline); Perry, Burgess, McCafferty (East Fife)

Match Sponsor: Aluglaze (Fife) Ltd

Man-of-the-Match: Ian McCall

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>35</b>
Morton	27	13	6	8	53	37	+16	32
Airdrie	27	13	5	9	35	29	+6	31
East Fife	27	9	13	5	41	36	+5	31

*Dunfermline manager Jim Leishman thanked his lucky stars yesterday that his team had come through Thursday's mudbath clash with East Fife injury free.*

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**No. 27****Saturday, 3 January**KILMARNOCK (0) 2  
McGuire (58)  
Reid (89)DUNFERMLINE (1) 2  
Donnelly (25 pen)  
Ferguson (88)**Kilmarnock:** McCulloch, Millar, Cockburn, Clark, Martin, McVeigh, McLean, Cook (Reid 83), Harkness, McGuire (Cuthbertson 80), Bryson**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Morrison (Hamilton 78), Ferguson, Watson (McCall 75) Jenkins

Attendance: 4900

Referee: R. W. Paterson (Neilston)

Red Card: Martin (Kilmarnock)

Yellow Cards: Cockburn, Bryson (Kilmarnock); Watson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>36</b>
Airdrie	28	14	5	9	36	29	+7	33
Morton	27	13	6	8	53	37	+16	32
East Fife	27	9	13	5	41	36	+5	31

*The game was finely balanced when Cockburn was judged, rather harshly it appeared, to have fouled Morrison inside the box. Donnelly scored from the spot to give the Pars a controversial lead.*

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**No. 28 Saturday, 24 January**

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 DUNFERMLINE (1) 2  
 Bryce (50) Ferguson (10)  
 Jenkins (46)

**Queen of the South:** Davidson, G. Robertson, Sim, Hetherington, Mills, McIntyre, Reid, Maskrey, Bryce, Cloy (Telfer 76), J. Robertson  
 Substitute: Muir – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Reid, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Hamilton, Morrison, Watson (McCall 78), Ferguson, Jenkins

Substitute: Smith – not used

Attendance: 2900

Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)

Yellow Cards: Sim (Queen of the South);

Young (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>38</b>
Morton	30	15	6	9	62	40	+22	36
Airdrie	29	14	6	9	36	29	+7	34
East Fife	29	10	14	5	44	38	+6	34

*Queens were then caught cold immediately after the break when Jenkins fired in an unsaveable shot past Davidson.* Sunday Post

**Scottish Cup – 3rd Round Saturday, 31 January**

HIBERNIAN (1) 2 DUNFERMLINE (0) 0  
 Weir (42)  
 Kane (82)

**Hibernian:** Rough, Hunter, Mitchell, Bell, Rae, McIntyre, Weir, Kane, Cowan, Collins (May 71), McBride (Tortolano 86)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson (Reid 46), Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Hamilton (McCall 71), Morrison, Watson, Ferguson, Jenkins

Mascot: Alan Hunter (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 14,800

Referee: I. R. Cathcart (Bridge of Allan)

Yellow Cards: McIntyre (Hibernian);

Ferguson (Dunfermline)

*Dunfermline don't look too far away from being a reasonable Premier League side.* Sunday Post

*Full credit to Dunfermline Athletic, they came here and they fought very well. I thought they played a lot of intelligent football, defended strenuously, particularly in that first 15 minutes of the game and I think they are certainly a team with great potential and will do well in the Premier Division. I am sure they will get there and that centre forward they have got, John Watson, he is some player. I would hold on to him Jim.*

Archie McPherson for BBC Sportscene  
 at Easter Road

**No. 29 Saturday, 7 February**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 AIRDRIE (0) 1  
 Donnelly (44) Lindsay (75)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Reid, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Hamilton, Morrison, Watson, Ferguson (MacKay 51), Jenkins (McCall 69)

**Airdrie:** Martin, McKeown, Lindsay, McCormack, Lawrie, O'Neill, Walker, Moore, Templeton, McCabe (Reilly 60), Flood  
 Substitute: McKinnon – not used

Mascot: Ian Barber (Wellwood)

Attendance: 4272

Referee: D. Miller (Garrowhill)

Yellow Cards: Reid (Dunfermline);

McKeown (Airdrie)

Match Sponsor: Sooner Foods

Man-of-the-Match: John Watson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>+16</b>	<b>39</b>
Morton	31	15	7	9	65	43	+22	37
East Fife	31	10	16	5	47	41	+6	36
Dumbarton	30	15	5	10	45	36	+9	35
Airdrie	30	14	7	9	37	30	+7	35

*An open and exciting contest with the correct result.* Sunday Post

**No. 30 Tuesday, 10 February**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2 CLYDE (0) 0  
 Ferguson (16)  
 Donnelly (55 pen)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Reid (MacKay 62), Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Hamilton (McCall 78), Morrison, Watson, Ferguson, Jenkins

**Clyde:** Atkins, McFarlane, Napier, Tait, Flexney, McDowell (Logan 20), Murphy (Watters 46), Doherty, McGlashan, Millar, Willock

Mascot: Jordan Richards (Kirkcaldy)

Attendance: 3489

Referee: G. B. Smith (Edinburgh)

Red Card: Flexney (Clyde)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>+18</b>	<b>41</b>
Morton	32	16	7	9	66	43	+23	39
East Fife	31	10	16	5	47	41	+6	36
Dumbarton	30	15	5	10	45	36	+9	35
Airdrie	30	14	7	9	37	30	+7	35

*Clyde should have been thoroughly buried by the First Division leaders last night, being reduced to ten men after only 35 minutes, but Dunfermline still found it a struggle, putting in a poor second-half showing.*

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**No. 31**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2  
Ferguson (25)  
McCall (75)

**Saturday, 21 February**

PARTICK THISTLE (1) 1  
Donnelly o.g. (40)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly (MacKay 87), Thompson, Morrison, Watson, Ferguson, Jenkins (McCall 60)

**Partick Thistle:** Brough, Spittal, Workman (Cairns 20), Law, J. Carson, Watson, Mackie, A. Carson, McAdam (Gallacher 16), West, McDonald

Mascots: Martin and Dominic Carrigan (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 3795

Referee: D. Yeats (Perth)

Yellow Cards: Robertson, Donnelly (Dunfermline);

J. Carson, Spittal, A. Carson (Partick Thistle)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>+19</b>	<b>43</b>
Morton	33	17	7	9	68	44	+24	41
Dumbarton	32	17	5	10	48	37	+11	39
East Fife	33	11	17	5	48	41	+7	39

*Dunfermline made heavy weather of it, but this match still had plenty of action.* Sunday Post

**No. 32**

BRECHIN CITY (0) 0

**Tuesday, 24 February**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2  
Donnelly (43)  
McCall (66)

**Brechin City:** Neilson, Watt, Scrimgeour, Brown, Stevens, Adam, Gallagher, Taylor, Powell, Scott, Lees (Lyll 71)

Substitute: Bourke – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Morrison (Jenkins 81), Thompson, Watson, McCall, Ferguson (MacKay 63)

Attendance: 1500

Referee: G. B. Smith (Edinburgh)

Yellow Cards: Powell, Scott (Brechin);

Morrison, Donnelly, Forrest (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>45</b>
Morton	33	17	7	9	68	44	+24	41
Dumbarton	32	17	5	10	48	37	+11	39
East Fife	33	11	17	5	48	41	+7	39

*Dunfermline boosted their Championship chances with a hard-earned win at Glebe Park last night.* The Courier

**No. 33**

FORFAR ATHLETIC (2) 3  
Lorimer (18)  
Cormack (26)  
MacDonald (81 pen)

**Saturday 28 February**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1  
McCall (3)

**Forfar Athletic:** Kennedy, Lorimer, Hamill, Morris, Smith, McPhee, Brewster, B. Bennett, Clark, Cormack (Ward 84), MacDonald  
Substitute: M. Bennett – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Morrison (Jenkins 71), Watson, McCall, Ferguson (MacKay 65)

Attendance: 2039

Referee: W. E. Knowles (Inverurie)

Yellow Cards: Lorimer, Brewster (Forfar);

Morrison, Watson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>+19</b>	<b>45</b>
Morton	34	17	8	9	68	44	+24	42
Dumbarton	33	18	5	10	49	37	+12	41
East Fife	34	11	17	6	49	44	+5	39

*League leaders Dunfermline lost for the first time in 11 games.* Sunday Post

**No. 34**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2  
Watson (64)  
Jenkins (81)

**Tuesday, 3 March**

MONTROSE (0) 0

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Morrison (MacKay 46), McCall, Watson, Ferguson (Jenkins 75)

**Montrose:** Charles, Durno, McClelland, Barr, Sheran, Forbes, Wright, Lyons (McManus 83), Paterson (Allan), Wallace, McDonald

N.B. No substitution time available for Allan of Montrose

Mascot: Stewart Rodaks (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 3539

Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)

Yellow Cards: Donnelly (Dunfermline);

Forbes, Wright, McManus (Montrose)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>47</b>
Morton	34	17	8	9	68	44	+24	42
Dumbarton	33	18	5	10	49	37	+12	41
East Fife	34	11	17	6	49	44	+5	39

*For the first five minutes they could do no wrong and it seemed the ball would never leave the Montrose half.* The Courier



**No. 35****Saturday, 7 March**DUNFERMLINE (1) 1  
Morrison (10)

DUMBARTON (0) 0

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly (Smith 84), Thompson, Morrison, Watson, McCall, Ferguson, (Jenkins 75)**Dumbarton:** Arthur, Montgomerie, Docherty, Clougherty, Martin, T. Coyle, McGowan, Rooney, McIvor (McLeod 46), Houston, O. Coyle

Substitute: Rafferty – not used

Mascot: Darren Westwater (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 4366

Referee: P. Hanley (Coatbridge)

No bookings

Match Sponsor: Walker Air Conditioning

Man-of-the-Match: Norrie McCathie

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>49</b>
Morton	34	17	8	9	68	44	+24	42
Dumbarton	34	18	5	11	49	38	+11	41
East Fife	35	12	17	6	52	45	+7	41

*Pars enjoyed the better of things in the first period thanks in no small part to the hard work of the tireless Gary Thompson.*

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**No. 36****Saturday, 14 March**

CLYDE (0) 0

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

McCathie (90)

**Clyde:** Atkins, Doherty, Napier, Tait, Flexney, McFarlane, Willock, Logan (Ahern 65), McGlashan, Millar, Murphy (Watters 75)**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Thompson, Morrison (Smith 80), Watson, McCall, Ferguson (Jenkins 71)

Attendance: 1500

Referee: K. O'Donnell (Airdrie)

Yellow Card: McCall (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>51</b>
Morton	36	19	8	9	71	45	+26	46
East Fife	36	12	18	6	52	45	+7	42
Dumbarton	34	18	5	11	49	38	+11	41

*But all credit to the leaders for driving right to the final whistle.*

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**No. 37****Saturday, 21 March**DUNFERMLINE (0) 1  
McCathie (58)

MORTON (1) 2

Turner (30)

McNeil (66 pen)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Donnelly (Smith 69), Thompson, Morrison, Watson, McCall, Jenkins (Ferguson 79)**Morton:** Wylie, O'Hara, Holmes, Hunter, Doak, McNamara, Robertson (Boag 80), Clinging, Alexander, McNeil (Arthur 88), Turner

Mascot: Dianne Storrie (Bridge of Earn)

Attendance: 5979

Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)

Yellow Cards: Jenkins, Smith (Dunfermline);

O'Hara (Morton)

Match Sponsor: Taggarts (Dunfermline) Ltd

Man-of-the-Match: Norrie McCathie

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>51</b>
Morton	37	20	8	9	73	46	+27	48
Dumbarton	36	19	6	11	53	40	+13	44
East Fife	37	12	19	6	53	46	+7	43

*Dunfermline with the best defensive record and Morton with the highest scoring attack were expected to make this an exciting game. But it was spoiled for spectators by a whole series of niggling fouls.*

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**No. 38****Saturday, 28 March**

EAST FIFE (1) 1

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1

McNaughton (36)

Irvine (68 pen)

**East Fife:** Charles, Connor, Conroy, McCafferty, Halley, Burgess, Blair, Nisbet, Hunter, Perry, McNaughton

Substitutes: Smith, Pittman – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Smith (Jenkins 76), Thompson, Morrison, Watson, McCall (Ferguson 81), Irvine

Attendance: 2730

Referee: I. R. Cathcart (Bridge of Allan)

Yellow Card: Forrest (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>52</b>
Morton	38	21	8	9	76	48	+28	50
Dumbarton	37	19	6	12	55	43	+12	44
East Fife	38	12	20	6	54	47	+7	44

*I think we were as good as they were in every department and we certainly deserved a draw.*

Jim Leishman interviewed by The Courier

**No. 39**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

**Saturday, 4 April**

KILMARNOCK (1) 1

Harkness (5)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Morrison (Smith 70), Thompson, Beedie, Watson (Jenkins 79), McCall, Irvine

**Kilmarnock:** McCulloch, Millar, Cockburn, Clark, Martin, McVeigh, Houston, Reid, Harkness (Cuthbertson 68), McGuire, Bryson (Docherty 46)

Mascot: Paul Holliday (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 3704

Referee: G. A. Evans (Bishopbriggs)

Yellow Cards: Thompson (Dunfermline);

Bryson, McVeigh (Kilmarnock)

Match Sponsor: Bank of Scotland

Man-of-the-Match: Bobby Robertson

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>52</b>
Morton	39	21	9	9	77	49	+28	51
Dumbarton	39	20	7	12	58	45	+13	47
East Fife	39	12	21	6	55	48	+7	45

*Dunfermline's defence stood appealing in vain for offside when Harkness ran on to Clark's through ball.*

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**No. 40**

PARTICK THISTLE (0) 0

**Saturday, 11 April**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 2

Morrison (4)

Donnelly (52)

**Partick Thistle:** Brough, Walker, Cairns, McAdam, Spittal, Watson, McQuade (A. Carson 77), Mitchell, Logan, McDonald, Kelly (Gallacher 60)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Thompson, Robertson, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Morrison, Beedie, Watson, McCall, Irvine (Jenkins 79)

Substitute: Forrest – not used

Attendance: 2633

Referee: M. McGinlay (Clydebank)

Yellow Card: Spittal (Partick Thistle)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>+23</b>	<b>54</b>
Morton	40	22	9	9	80	51	+29	53
Dumbarton	40	21	7	12	61	47	+14	49
Airdrie	40	17	11	12	51	41	+10	45
East Fife	40	12	21	7	57	51	+6	45

*Promotion to the Premier League is steadily edging closer for Dunfermline Athletic.*

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**No. 41**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

**Saturday, 18 April**

BRECHIN CITY (0) 2

Brown (48)

Lyll (72)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Thompson, Robertson, McCathie, Young, Donnelly, Beedie, Morrison (Jenkins 63), Watson, McCall (Forrest 63), Irvine

**Brechin City:** Neilson, Watt, Stevens, Brown, Inglis (Gallacher 48), Adam, Kennedy (Lytwyn), Taylor, Bourke, Scott, Lyall

Mascots: Colin and Connor McCaul (Dunfermline)

Attendance: 4645

Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)

No bookings

Match Sponsor: Asphaltic Limited

Man-of-the-Match: Norrie McCathie

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>54</b>
Morton	41	22	9	10	81	53	+28	53
Dumbarton	41	21	7	13	61	49	+12	49
East Fife	41	13	21	7	62	51	+11	47
Airdrie	41	18	11	12	55	44	+11	47

*The league leaders' poor home form of recent weeks which as seen them take only one point in their last four home games continued yesterday on a fiery bone-hard pitch and windy conditions.*

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**No. 42**

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1

**Saturday, 25 April**

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0

Irvine (12)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Beedie, Thompson, Morrison, Watson, McCall (Jenkins 86), Irvine (Ferguson 74)

**Queen of the South:** Davidson, G. Robertson, Sim, Hetherington, Gray, McBride, Reid (McIntyre 84), Telfer, Bryce (Maskrey 79), Cloy, J. Robertson

Mascots: Fiona Sims (Dunfermline);

Greig Thomson (Rosyth)

Attendance: 5482

Referee: G. D. Cumming (Carluke)

Yellow Cards: Beedie (Dunfermline);

Sim (Queen of the South)

Match Sponsor: Dunfermline Auto-Centre

Man-of-the-Match: Davie Young

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>+22</b>	<b>56</b>
Morton	42	23	9	10	85	54	+31	55
Dumbarton	42	22	7	13	63	50	+13	51
Airdrie	42	18	11	13	55	45	+10	47
East Fife	42	13	21	8	62	53	+9	47

*Dunfermline secured promotion to the Premier League in this pot boiler.*

*At full-time thousands of Dunfermline fans poured on to the pitch and celebrated in the sunshine.*

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**No. 43**

AIRDRIE (0) 2  
Flood 2 (80,86)

**Airdrie:** Martin, Lawrie, Black, McKeown, McCormack (Docherty 69), Lindsay, Hughes, McCabe, Frye, Moore, Christie (Flood 66)

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest, McCathie, Young, Beedie, Thompson, Morrison, Watson (Jenkins 28), McCall, Irvine (Ferguson 64)

Attendance: 2159

Referee: C. C. Sinclair (Forfar)

Yellow Cards: McKeown, Frye (Airdrie);

Thompson (Dunfermline)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Morton	43	24	9	10	88	55	+33	57
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>+21</b>	<b>56</b>
Dumbarton	43	22	7	14	64	52	+12	51
Airdrie	43	19	11	13	57	46	+11	49
East Fife	43	14	21	8	64	54	+10	49

*Both sides struggled to create chances and though Dunfermline were the more positive team, they lacked finishing power and inspiration around the penalty area.*

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**Saturday, 2 May**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1  
McCall (69 pen)

**No. 44**

MONTROSE (1) 1  
Paterson (40)

**Montrose:** Buchan, Barr, McClelland, Brown, Sheran, Forbes, Allan (Murray 85), Durno, Paterson, Robertson, McDonald

Substitute: McManus – not used

**Dunfermline:** Westwater, Robertson, Forrest (Irvine 65), McCathie, Young, Beedie, Thompson, Morrison (Hamilton 75), Ferguson, McCall, Jenkins

Attendance: 2500

Referee: D. F. T. Syme (Rutherglen)

Yellow Card: Sheran (Montrose)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Morton	44	24	9	11	88	56	+32	57
<b>Dunfermline</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>+20</b>	<b>56</b>
Dumbarton	44	23	7	14	67	52	+15	53
East Fife	44	15	21	8	68	55	+13	51
Airdrie	44	20	11	13	58	46	+12	51

*What should have been Dunfermline's glory day turned into a nightmare.*

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**Saturday, 9 May**

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0



# Statistics – Season 1986/87

## APPEARANCES

## GOALSCORERS

Name	League	Skol Cup	Scottish Cup	Total	League	Skol Cup	Scottish Cup	Total
N. McCathie	44	1	1	46	6	—	—	6
I. Westwater	42	1	1	44	—	—	—	—
R. Forrest	40(1) [1]	1	1	42(1) [1]	1	—	—	1
J. Watson	40	1	1	42	13	—	—	13
G. Thompson	38(3)	1	—	39(3)	—	—	—	—
I. McCall	29(14)	1	—(1)	30(15)	8(1p)	—	—	8(1p)
G. Jenkins	28(12)	—	1	29(12)	6	—	—	6
S. Morrison	30(6) [1]	—(1)	1	31(7) [1]	5	—	—	5
E. Ferguson	23(10)[3]	1	1	25(10)[3]	6	—	—	6
R. Robertson	31	1	1	33	—	—	—	—
D. Young	31	—	1	32	1	—	—	1
J. Donnelly	30	—	1	31	7(3p)	—	—	7(3p)
G. Reid	16	1	—(1)	17(1)	—	—	—	—
R. Hamilton	14(3) [1]	—	1	15(3) [1]	2	—	—	2
T. Smith	7 (7) [1]	1	—	8 (7) [1]	—	—	—	—
I. Heddle	10	—	—	10	2	—	—	2
I. Campbell	2 (7) [3]	—(1)	—	2 (8) [3]	—	—	—	—
J. Bowie	4 (4) [2]	—	—	4 (4) [2]	—	—	—	—
W. Irvine	6 (1)	—	—	6 (1)	2(1p)	—	—	2(1p)
D. Moyes	5	1	—	6	—	—	—	—
S. Beedie	6	—	—	6	—	—	—	—
G. Connelly	5 (1)	—	—	5 (1)	—	—	—	—
H. Whyte	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
J. Waddell	1 (1)	—	—	1 (1)	—	—	—	—
W. Mackay	— (6)	—	—	— (6)	—	—	—	—
Own goals (Montgomerie, Dumbarton; Donnelly, Partick Thistle)					2	—	—	2
					61	—	—	61

Note: Figures in brackets ( ) denote number of playing appearances as substitute.  
 Figures in brackets [ ] denote number of non-playing appearances as substitute.

## FINE FARE FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP 1986–87 Final League Positions

	Home						Away						GD	Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A			
Morton	44	12	4	6	43	27	12	5	5	45	29	+32	57	
Dunfermline Athletic	44	12	5	5	29	16	11	5	6	32	25	+20	56	
Dumbarton	44	12	6	4	37	25	11	1	10	30	27	+15	53	
East Fife	44	10	10	2	34	22	5	11	6	34	33	+13	51	
Airdrieonians	44	15	2	5	39	22	5	9	8	19	24	+12	51	
Kilmarnock	44	11	7	4	35	20	6	4	12	27	33	+9	45	
Forfar Athletic	44	7	9	6	38	34	7	6	9	23	29	−2	43	
Partick Thistle	44	7	7	8	27	25	5	8	9	22	29	−5	39	
Clyde	44	6	9	7	26	25	5	7	10	22	31	−8	38	
Queen of the South	44	7	5	10	24	26	4	7	11	26	45	−21	34	
Brechin City	44	5	5	12	26	39	6	5	11	18	33	−28	32	
Montrose	44	7	5	10	24	30	2	6	14	13	44	−37	29	

# PARS MATCH STATISTICS SEASON 1986-87

Date	Opponents	Venue	Score	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
9/8	Forfar Athletic	H	1-0	3,294	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Thompson	Smith	Moyes	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	Campbell 11	Bowie 7
13/8	Dumbarton	A	1-0	1,500	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Thompson	Smith	Moyes	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	Campbell 11	Morrison 7
16/8	Morton	A	1-0	3,000	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Thompson	Smith	Moyes	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	Campbell	Morrison
20/8	St Mirren (Sk C)	H	0-2	6,161	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Thompson	Smith	Moyes	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	Campbell 10	Morrison 2
23/8	Clyde	H	2-0	3,530	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Thompson	Smith	Moyes	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	Campbell 11	Morrison 7
30/8	East Fife	H	2-4	4,448	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Thompson	Smith	Moyes	Watson	McCall	Campbell	Morrison 7	Jenkins 8
6/9	Kilmarnock	A	2-1	2,700	Westwater	Waddell	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Hedde	Morrison	Thompson	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Campbell 11	Smith 10
13/9	Brechin City	A	4-1	1,000	Westwater	Thompson	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Hedde	Smith	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Campbell 7	Bowie 9
16/9	Partick Thistle	H	2-0	3,852	Westwater	Thompson	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Hedde	Hamilton	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Campbell	Bowie
20/9	Queen of the South	A	1-1	4,000	Westwater	Hamilton	Forrest	McCarthy	Reid	Hedde	Morrison	Thompson	Campbell	McCall	Jenkins	Ferguson 11	Waddell 6
27/9	Airdrieonians	H	0-0	5,788	Westwater	Forrest	Hedde	McCarthy	Reid	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Ferguson	Bowie 10
30/9	Montrose	H	1-0	3,498	Whyte	Forrest	Hedde	McCarthy	Reid	Donnelly	Bowie	Hamilton	Watson	Thompson	Jenkins	McCall 7	Ferguson
4/10	Forfar Athletic	A	3-3	1,892	Whyte	Forrest	Hedde	McCarthy	Reid	Donnelly	Bowie	Thompson	Watson	Hamilton	Jenkins	Ferguson	McCall 7
8/10	Dumbarton	H	0-1	4,161	Westwater	Forrest	Hedde	McCarthy	Reid	Donnelly	Bowie	Thompson	Watson	Hamilton	Jenkins	McCall 3	Ferguson 7
11/10	Clyde	A	0-1	1,665	Westwater	Forrest	Hedde	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Bowie	Thompson	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Ferguson 10	Bowie 7
18/10	Morton	H	1-1	3,741	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Connelly	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall 8	Bowie
25/10	Brechin City	H	4-0	3,159	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Connelly	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall 10	Campbell 8
29/10	Partick Thistle	A	1-0	2,579	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Connelly	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall 11	Morrison 6
1/11	Kilmarnock	H	1-0	4,179	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Connelly	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	Morrison 3	McCall 8
8/11	East Fife	A	1-2	3,843	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Connelly	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall 11	Morrison 8
15/11	Queen of the South	H	2-2	4,013	Westwater	Robertson	Hedde	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Connelly	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	Smith 11	Connelly 10
22/11	Airdrieonians	A	0-3	1,800	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Smith 11	Thompson 7
29/11	Montrose	A	2-0	1,200	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Hamilton	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Ferguson 10	Thompson 11
6/12	Forfar Athletic	H	2-0	3,353	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Hamilton	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Ferguson 10	Thompson 7
13/12	Dumbarton	A	2-1	4,000	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Hamilton	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Campbell 10	Hamilton
27/12	Morton	A	2-2	3,200	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Morrison	Thompson	Ferguson	McCall	Jenkins	Campbell	Hamilton 6
1/1	East Fife	H	1-1	4,956	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall	Hamilton 8	McCall 10
3/1	Kilmarnock	A	2-2	4,900	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall 9	Smith
24/1	Queen of the South	A	2-1	2,900	Westwater	Robertson	Reid	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Hamilton	Morrison	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	Reid 2	McCall 7
31/1	Hibernian	A	0-2	14,800	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Hamilton	Morrison	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall 11	MacKay 10
7/2	Airdrieonians	H	1-1	4,272	Westwater	Reid	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Hamilton	Morrison	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall 7	MacKay 2
10/2	Clyde	H	2-0	3,489	Westwater	Reid	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Hamilton	Morrison	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	McCall 7	MacKay 2
21/2	Partick Thistle	H	2-1	3,795	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	Ferguson	Jenkins	MacKay 6	McCall 11

# **Facts Behind the Statistics 1986-87**

**PARS MATCH STATISTICS' SEASON 1986-87 (cont'd)**

Date	Opponents	Venue	Score	Attendance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14
24/2	Brechin City	A	2-0	1,500	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Morrison	Thompson	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	MacKay 11	Jenkins 7
28/2	Forfar Athletic	A	1-3	2,039	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	MacKay 11	Jenkins 8
3/3	Montrose	H	2-0	3,539	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	Ferguson	McCall	Jenkins 10	MacKay 8
7/3	Dumbarton	H	1-0	4,366	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	Jenkins 11	Smith 6
14/3	Clyde	A	1-0	1,500	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Ferguson	Jenkins 11	Smith 8
21/3	Morton	H	1-2	5,959	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Jenkins	Ferguson 11	Smith 6
28/3	East Fife	A	1-1	2,730	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Smith	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Irvine	Jenkins 6	Ferguson 10
4/4	Kilmarnock	H	0-1	3,704	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Morrison	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Irvine	Smith 6	Jenkins 9
11/4	Partick Thistle	A	2-0	2,633	Westwater	Thompson	Robertson	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Morrison	Beechie	Watson	McCall	Irvine	Jenkins 11	Forrest
18/4	Brechin City	H	0-2	4,645	Westwater	Thompson	Robertson	McCarthy	Young	Donnelly	Beechie	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Irvine	Jenkins 8	Forrest 10
25/4	Queen of the South	H	1-0	5,482	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Beechie	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Irvine	Jenkins 10	Ferguson 11
2/5	Airdrieonians	A	1-2	2,159	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Beechie	Thompson	Morrison	Watson	McCall	Irvine	Jenkins 9	Ferguson 11
9/5	Montrose	A	0-1	2,500	Westwater	Robertson	Forrest	McCarthy	Young	Beechie	Thompson	Morrison	Ferguson	McCall	Jenkins	Irvine 3	Hamilton 8

(a) highest finish in 'new' First Division - 2nd (previous best - 10th); (b) highest final position (14th) in Scottish League Football since season 1969-70; (c) a record number of points won by a Dunfermline team in a season in the 'new' First Division - 56 (previous best 36); (d) a record number of goals scored by a Dunfermline team in a season in the 'new' First Division - 61 (previous best 46); (e) a new low for goals conceded by a Dunfermline team in a season in the 'new' First Division - 41 (previous best 56); (f) best defensive record in First Division for season 1986-87 (41); (g) Dunfermline only the second club to go from Second Division to Premier League in two successive seasons since league reconstruction (Clydebank were the first), but Dunfermline are the first to do it since the league programmes of the First and Second Divisions consisted of a minimum of 39 games each season (Clydebank played 65 games; Dunfermline played 83); (h) new record for successive games played without defeat by a Dunfermline team in the 'new' First Division - 11 (previous best 6); (i) Dunfermline created a new 'low' for the average number of goals scored per league game in a season for a team promoted from the First Division to the Premier League (1.386).



## Reserve League Fixtures 1986-7

<b>No. 1</b> STENHOUSEMUIR 1	<b>Monday, 11 August</b> DUNFERMLINE 4 Heddle (2) Hamilton Jenkins	<b>No. 7</b> DUNFERMLINE 3 Ferguson (2) Bowie	<b>Monday, 22 September</b> ST JOHNSTONE 0
Whyte, Grant (Trialist No. 12, 75), Trialist, Heddle, Young, Waddell, Campbell, Hamilton, Jenkins, Connelly, Sharp (Trialist No. 14, 80)		Whyte, Hamilton, L. Thomson, Connelly, Young, Waddell, Bowie, Trialist, Ferguson, McCall (Trialist No. 12, 75), Sharp (Trialist No. 14 46)	
<b>No. 2</b> DUNFERMLINE 3 Connelly (2) Campbell (pen)	<b>Monday, 18 August</b> COWDENBEATH 2	<b>No. 8</b> COWDENBEATH 4	<b>Wednesday, 1 October</b> DUNFERMLINE 3 Morrison Ferguson Young
Whyte, Waddell, Trialist, Trialist, Young, Sharp (Trialist No. 14, 81), Campbell, Hamilton, Jenkins, Connelly, Morrison Substitute: Trialist No. 12 – not used		Trialist, Robertson, L. Thomson (Smith 71), Connelly, Young, Waddell (Davidson 55), Campbell, Trialist, Ferguson, McCall, Morrison	
<b>No. 3</b> STIRLING ALBION 1	<b>Monday, 25 August</b> DUNFERMLINE 2 Heddle (2)	<b>No. 9</b> DUNFERMLINE 4 Ferguson (2) Heddle McCall	<b>Monday, 13 October</b> EAST FIFE 2
Trialist, Waddell, Trialist, Morrison, Young, Trialist, Bowie (Campbell 30), Connelly, Sharp, Heddle, Trialist Substitute: Trialist – not used		Whyte, Robertson, L. Thomson (Sharp 77), Davidson, Young, Heddle, Connelly, Waddell (Trialist 72), Ferguson, McCall, Trialist	
<b>No. 4</b> EAST FIFE 2	<b>Tuesday, 2 September</b> DUNFERMLINE 5 Heddle (2) Jenkins (3)	<b>No. 10</b> EAST STIRLING 3	<b>Tuesday, 21 October</b> DUNFERMLINE 2 Campbell Ferguson
Whyte, Waddell, Trialist, Trialist, Young, Heddle, Bowie, Connelly, Jenkins, Morrison, Ferguson Substitutes: Sharp, Trialist – not used		Trialist, Trialist (Smith 55), L. Thomson, Connelly, Trialist, Davidson, Campbell, Hamilton, Ferguson, Waddell, Heddle Substitute: Sharp – not used	
<b>No. 5</b> DUNFERMLINE 2 Campbell (pen) Connelly	<b>Tuesday, 9 September</b> EAST STIRLING 1	<b>No. 11</b> ST JOHNSTONE 1	<b>Monday, 3 November</b> DUNFERMLINE 5 o.g. McCall (2) Heddle Jenkins
Whyte, Hamilton (Trialist 78), L. Thomson, Trialist (McCathie 51), Young, Trialist, Smith, Bowie, Campbell, Connelly, Ferguson		Trialist, Hamilton, Sharp (Thomson 75), Waddell, Reid, Davidson, Smith, Morrison, Heddle, McCall, Thompson (Jenkins 46)	
<b>No. 6</b> RAITH ROVERS 1	<b>Monday, 15 September</b> DUNFERMLINE 2 Campbell (60) Ferguson (68)	<b>No. 12</b> DUNFERMLINE 4 Smith (3) Morrison	<b>Monday, 10 November</b> STENHOUSEMUIR 5
Trialist, Waddell, L. Thomson, Davidson, Young, Sharp (Hamilton 55), Bowie, Trialist, Ferguson, Connelly, Campbell Substitute: Trialist – not used		Trialist, Hamilton, Thomson, Davidson, Reid, Heddle, Morrison (Findlay 65), Waddell, Smith, McCall, Bowie (Sharp 72)	

**No. 13** **Tuesday, 18 November**  
 DUNFERMLINE 3 STIRLING ALBION 1  
 Reid  
 Heddle  
 Smith

Whyte, Hamilton, Thomson (Sharp 84),  
 Davidson, Reid, Heddle, Bowie, Trialist,  
 Morrison, McCall (Trialist 79), Smith

**No. 18** **Monday, 30 March**  
 DUNFERMLINE 4 EAST STIRLING 0  
 Williamson  
 Jenkins (2)  
 Hamilton

Whyte, Hamilton, Williamson, Beedie (Findlay  
 65), Reid, Davidson, Campbell (Trialist 68),  
 Connelly, Ferguson, Donnelly, Jenkins

**No. 14** **Monday, 1 December**  
 DUNFERMLINE 1 RAITH ROVERS 4  
 Connelly

Whyte, Trialist, Sharp, McCathie, Davidson,  
 Heddle, Campbell, Connelly, Smith, Findlay,  
 Trialist (Trialist No. 12 65)  
 Substitute: Trialist No. 14 – not used

**No. 19** **Monday, 13 April**  
 DUNFERMLINE 1 COWDENBEATH 1  
 Jenkins

Whyte, Hamilton, Forrest, Davidson, Reid,  
 Robertson, Campbell, Connelly (Sharp 84),  
 Ferguson, Findlay (Watson 65), Jenkins

**No. 15** **Wednesday, 25 February**  
 STIRLING ALBION 1 DUNFERMLINE 3  
 Smith (3)

Whyte, Findlay, Reid, Trialist, Sharp (Thomson  
 50), Hamilton, Moyes, Connelly, Bowie  
 (Trialist 71), Smith, Trialist

**No. 20** **Thursday, 16 April**  
 STENHOUSEMUIR 1 DUNFERMLINE 3  
 Hamilton  
 Campbell  
 Forrest

Whyte, Hamilton, Trialist (Sharp 70), Connelly  
 (Trialist 80), Reid, Davidson, Campbell,  
 Findlay, Jenkins, Ferguson, Forrest

**No. 16** **Monday, 2 March**  
 EAST FIFE 1 DUNFERMLINE 2  
 Hamilton  
 Smith

Whyte, Findlay (Trialist 75), Hamilton, Trialist,  
 Reid, Connelly, Moyes, Campbell, Smith,  
 Jenkins (Ferguson 55), Bowie

**No. 21** **Monday, 4 May**  
 RAITH ROVERS 3 DUNFERMLINE 2  
 Ferguson  
 Campbell (pen)

Whyte, Hamilton, Thomson (Sharp 46),  
 Williamson, Reid, Connelly, Findlay, Ferguson,  
 Campbell, Smith, Jenkins  
 Substitute: Davidson – not used

**Reserve League Cup –** **Sunday, 15 March**  
**1st Round**  
 ALBION ROVERS 4 DUNFERMLINE 2

Smith  
 Ferguson  
 Whyte, Findlay (Campbell 65), Sharp  
 (McCathie 46), Hamilton, Reid, Donnelly,  
 Smith, Morrison, Jenkins, Connelly, Ferguson

**No. 17** **Thursday, 26 March**  
 DUNFERMLINE 0 ST JOHNSTONE 1

Whyte, Trialist (Sharp 64), Trialist, Davidson,  
 Reid, Connelly, Campbell, Hamilton, Smith,  
 Findlay, Ferguson (Trialist 69)

## Reserve Fixtures – Season 1986/87

### Scottish Reserve League (East)

Date	Comp	Venue	Opposition	Score
11/8/86	L	A	Stenhousemuir	4-1
18/8/86	L	H	Cowdenbeath	3-2
25/8/86	L	A	Stirling Albion	2-1
2/9/86	L	A	East Fife	5-2
9/9/86	L	H	East Stirling	2-1
15/9/86	L	A	Raith Rovers	2-1
22/9/86	L	H	St Johnstone	3-0
1/10/86	L	A	Cowdenbeath	3-4
13/10/86	L	H	East Fife	4-2
21/10/86	L	A	East Stirling	2-3
3/11/86	L	A	St Johnstone	5-1
10/11/86	L	H	Stenhousemuir	4-5
18/11/86	L	H	Stirling Albion	3-1
1/12/86	L	H	Raith Rovers	1-4
25/2/87	L	A	Stirling Albion	3-1
2/3/87	L	A	East Fife	2-1
15/3/87	RLC	A	Albion Rovers	2-4
26/3/87	L	H	St Johnstone	0-1
30/3/87	L	H	East Stirling	4-0
13/4/87	L	H	Cowdenbeath	1-1
16/4/87	L	A	Stenhousemuir	3-1
4/5/87	L	A	Raith Rovers	2-3

### Scottish Reserve League (East)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
<b>Dunfermline Athletic</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>
Raith Rovers	21	9	9	3	34	23	27
Stenhousemuir	21	11	2	8	39	29	24
Stirling Albion	21	10	3	8	33	27	23
East Fife	21	8	5	8	39	42	21
Cowdenbeath	21	7	2	12	41	50	16
St Johnstone	21	5	5	11	26	43	15
East Stirling	21	4	5	12	25	45	13

### Goalscorers

- 9 Ferguson, Smith and Heddle.
- 8 Jenkins.
- 6 Campbell (3 pen.).
- 4 Hamilton and Connelly.
- 3 McCall.
- 2 Morrison.
- 1 Forrest, Bowie, Young, Reid,  
Williamson and own goal.



Graeme Davidson, Raymond Sharp and Leslie Thomson

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*The author with Jim Leishman*

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